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Dedication

To my wife Natalie S. Bookbinder,
whose vision of life
and spirit of love
touched me so
deeply.

"She opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."
Proverbs 31:26

Preface

"The fabric of the world's proverbial wisdom woven over the centuries has become a magnificent tapestry of maxims, aphorisms, and pithy sayings, reflecting the warmth, the wit, and the earthiness of the generations, past and present."

"There are but few proverbial sayings that are not true, for they are drawn from experience itself, which is the mother of all science." - Miguel de Cervantes

"A proverb has the contents of gold. Proverbs are in the world of thought what gold coin is in the world of business - great value in small compass, and equally current among all people. Sometimes the proverb may be false, the coin counterfeit, but in both cases the false proves the value of the true." - D. March

A Treasury of Noteworthy Proverbs contains more than a thousand thought-provoking, enduring nuggets of wisdom from thinkers living and dead. They provide hope, inspiration or perspective to what life and living are all about.

This collection of proverbs is a revealing picture of the philosophy, humor, and wisdom of many peoples.

In the words of the Holy Bible, "Acquaint thyself with proverbs, for of them thou shalt learn instruction."

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Ability: No one knows what he can do, until he tries. - Latin

Absence: **1.** Greater things are often believed of those who are absent. **2.** He that is absent, is very soon forgotten.

Abstinence: **1.** Abstinence is one of the best of medicines. **2.** Abstinence is often viewed as the mother of competence. - S. Hutchins

Abundance: Abundance, is what is the ruination of man. - Benjamin Franklin

Abuse: The best things may be abused. - Lyly

Accepting: Who accepts nothing, has nothing to return. - German

Accident: Nothing under the sun is accidental.

Accomplice: **1.** He sins as much, who holds the bag, as he who puts into it. - French **2.** He who holds the ladder, is as bad as the thief. - German

Accounts: He that gains well and spends well, needs no account book.

Accomplishment: **1.** The shortest answer, is doing the thing. **2.** Short reckonings make long friends.

Accuracy: Deviate an inch, and lose a thousand miles.

Accusation: He who accuses too many, accuses himself.

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Ache: 1. The tongue ever turns to the aching tooth. **2.** Every heart hath its own ache.

Achievement: The young tell what they are doing, the old what they have done, and fools what they wish to do.

Acknowledgement: If you wish your merit to be known, acknowledge that of other people. - Oriental

Acquaintance: Short acquaintances, often bring repentences.

Action: 1. We are mostly remembered by our good actions, not by our good intentions. **2.** Action is the proper fruit of knowledge. **3.** Great actions, speak great minds. **4.** You cannot do anything by doing nothing.

Adaptability: The wise adapt to circumstances, as water shapes itself to the vessel that contains it.

Advantage: Every advantage is accompanied by its own disadvantage.

Adversity: 1. Adversity makes a man wise, not rich. **2.** There is no education like adversity.

Advice: 1. He who builds according to every man's advice, will have a crooked house. **2.** Fools need advice most, but wise men are better for it. **3.** Hazard not your wealth on a poor man's advice. **5.** Advice is sure to come when the rabbit has escaped. - Spanish **6.** When we are well, it is easy to give good advice to the sick. - Terence

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Affection: Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Affliction: **1.** Afflictions are sometimes blessings in disguise. **2.** The afflicted person is sacred. - Ovid

Age: **1.** All would live long, but none would be old. **2.** The old forget, the young don't know. **3.** Many foxes grow gray, but few grow old. **4.** The old age of an eagle is better than the youth of a sparrow. - Greek **5.** No wise man ever wished to be younger. - Jonathan Swift

Agreement: Nobody can be as agreeable as an uninvited guest. - Elbert Hubbard

Alcohol: Let him who sins when drunk be punished when sober. - Legal Maxim

Ale: When the ale is in, the wit is out.

Almost: **1.** "Almost" was never hanged. **2.** "Almost" never killed a fly. - German

Alone: **1.** It's better to be alone, than to be in bad company. **2.** A wise man is never less alone than when alone.

Ambition: **1.** There is no eel so small, but it hopes to become a whale. **2.** Ambition is the only power that will combat love. **3.** Ambition often destroys its possessor. **4.** Ambition is the mind's immodesty.

America: America means opportunity, freedom, and power. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Amusement: Amusement, is the happiness of those who cannot think. - Alexander Pope

Ancestors: 1. They brag most of their ancestors who are unworthy of them. **2.** From our ancestors, come our names, but from our virtues, our honors.

Anecdote: One personal anecdote of a man is worth a volume of biography.

Anger: 1. Anger punishes itself. **2.** The best answer to anger is silence. **3.** Let not the sun go down upon your wrath. **4.** The greatest remedy for anger is delay. - Seneca

Answer: 1. No answer, is also an answer. **2.** The shortest answer is performing the request.

Ant: None preaches better than the ant, and she says nothing. - Benjamin Franklin

Anticipation: A danger foreseen is half avoided.

Antiquity: 1. Antiquity is not neccesarily a mark of verity. **2.** Antiquity surrenders, defeated by new things. - Lucretius

Anvil: The anvil fears no blows.

Anxiety: Anxiety is the fever of life.

Apology: 1. Swallowing angry words is better than choking on an apology. **2.** No sensible person ever made an apology. - Ralph Waldo Emerson **3.** Apology is only egotism wrong side out. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Appearance: **1.** All things are much less dreadful than they seem. **2.** It is not the habit that makes the monk. - Erasmus

Appetite: **1.** Poor men will want meat for their stomachs; rich men, stomachs for their meat. **2.** All things require skill but an appetite. **3.** One expects sharp stomachs to make short graces. **4.** A stomach that is seldom empty despises common food. - Horace

Applause: Applause is frequently the root of abuse. - Japanese

Apple: **1.** An apple may happen to be better given than eaten. **2.** The very best apple is often taken by the pig. - Yiddish

Archer: The archer that shoots badly, has a lie ready. - Spanish

Architecture: **1.** Architecture is viewed by many as frozen music. **2.** Every man is the architect of his own fortune. - French

Argument: **1.** The weaker the argument, the stronger the words. **2.** Fools, for arguments, use wagers. **3.** You have not converted a man because you have silenced him. **4.** Arguments seldom convince anyone against his inclination. **5.** Wise men argue causes, fools decide them.

Arm: One should stretch his arm no farther than his sleeve. - French

Arms: Arms and money require good hands. - Spanish

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Arrogance: Supple knees feed arrogance.

Arrow: One arrow does not bring down two birds.

Art: **1.** Art hath an enemy called ignorance. - Ben Jonson **2.** Those who seek to perfect art, also know to conceal it. - Quintillian

Artist: A great artist can paint a great picture on a small canvas.

Ask: **1.** He who is afraid of asking, is ashamed of learning. - Danish **2.** Asking costs little. - Italian

Aspiration: **1.** No bird soars too high, if it soars with its own wings. - William Blake **2.** Too low they build, who build beneath the stars. - Edward Young

Assertion: Mere assertion is no proof.

Associate: When a dove begins to associate with crows, its feathers remain white, but its heart grows black. - German

Atheism: **1.** Some are known to be atheists only in fair weather. **2.** Where there are three physicians there are two atheists. - Latin **3.** The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. - Psalms **4.** Atheism is the vice of a few intelligent people. - Voltaire

Attire: Eat whatever thou likes, but dress as others do. - Arabian

Authority: If authority has no ears to listen, it has no head to govern.

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Autumn: The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year. - William Cullen Bryant

Avarice: **1.** A covetous man does nothing well till he dies. **2.** Avarice, the spur of industry. - David Hume **3.** The more a man has, the more he desires. - Italian **4.** He, who covets, is always poor. - Latin

Award: A lean award is better than a fat judgment.

Bad: A bad tree does not yield good apples

Bait: The bait hides the hook.

Bald: A bald head is soon shaven.

Bandwagon: Everyone pushes a fallen fence.

Barber: He is a poor barber that has but one comb. - Italian

Bargain: **1.** The second word makes the bargain. **2.** No one is likely to get a bargain he does not ask for. - French

Bark: Barking dogs seldom bite.

Bashfulness: **1.** Bashfulness is a maid's best dress. **2.** Bashfulness is of no use to the needy.

Bear: **1.** An old bear is slow in learning a new dance. **2.** As savage as a bear with a sore head.

Beard: It is not the beard that makes the philosopher. - Italian

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Beast: Nature teaches beasts to know their friends. - William Shakespeare

Beating: If you beat spice, it will smell the sweeter.

Beauty: **3.** Beauty and wisdom are rarely conjoined. **2.** Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it. **1.** Beauty is a good letter of introduction. **4.** When the candles are out, all women are fair. - Plutarch

Bed: As you make your bed, so you must lie on it.

Bee: **1.** One bee makes no swarm. **2.** Bees that have honey in their mouths have stings in their tails.

Beg: He, that asks faintly, begs a denial. - Latin

Beggar: The bashful beggar goes hungry.

Begging: It is a beggar's pride that he is not a thief. - Japanese

Begin: **1.** The hardest step is that over the threshold. **2.** Everything is difficult at first. - Chinese

Behavior: **1.** Nothing is more adroit than irreproachable conduct. **2.** As the occasion, so the behavior. **3.** Behavior is the mirror in which everyone shows his image. - Johann W. Goethe

Behind: Look before, or you'll find yourself behind.

Belief: **1.** What a man desires, he easily believes. **2.** Man prefers to believe what he prefers to be true. - Francis Bacon

Bell: He who hears but one bell, hears but one sound. - French

Benefit: **1.** The very last benefit is the most remembered. **2.** Benefits turn poison in bad minds.

Best: **1.** The best manure is under the farmer's foot. **2.** The best cloth has uneven edges. - Spanish

Betray: He won't betray in whom none will confide. - William Congreve

Better: **1.** It's much better to wear out than to rust out. **2.** Better a bare foot than none at all.

Betting: Betting is a fool's argument, but it's very convincing when you win.

Beware: Beware of no man more than of thyself.

Bias: The eye is blind when the mind does not see. - Arabic

Bid: Be not too hasty to outbid another.

Biography: **1.** A biography is one of the new terrors of death. - John Arbuthnot **2.** Biography is the only true history. - Thomas Carlyle **3.** There is properly no history, only biography. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Bird: **1.** Birds in their little nest agree. **2.** A bird is known by its feathers. - Yiddish

Birth: **1.** He, who is born, yells; he, who dies, is silent. **2.** No one is born wih an axe in his hand.

Birthday: **1.** New Year's Day is every man's birthday. - Charles Lamb **2.** If there is to be a birth; there must be a death. - Herbert L. Samuel

Bite: **1.** He, who can lick, can bite. - French **2.** If you cannot bite, never show your teeth. - French

Black: **1.** Black will take no other hue. **2.** A black plum is as sweet as a white plum.

Blame: **1.** A bad workman will often quarrel with his tools. **2.** He must be pure who would blame another. - Danish

Blind: **1.** In the kingdom of the blind men, the one-eyed is king. **2.** The eyes are blind when the mind is elsewhere. - Latin

Blockhead: He who deals with a blockhead will have need of much brains. - Spanish

Blood: **1.** Noble and ignoble blood are of the same color. **2.** Blood does not wash blood away. - Russian

Blowing: He that blows in the fire will get sparks in his eyes.

Blush: **1.** The man, who blushes, is not quite a brute. **2.** Blushing is the hue of virtue. - Greek

Boastfulness: **1.** They who boast most, generally fall most, for deeds are silent. **2.** He that boasts of his own knowledge proclaims his ignorance. **3.** A good front cannot last long without some backing. **4.** Some folks are like buttons - always popping off.

Boldness: **1.** A bold man never wants a weapon. **2.** Great Boldness is seldom without some absurdity. - Francis Bacon **3.** No one reaches a high position without boldness. - Latin

Books: **1.** Books, the children of the brain. **2.** A book is a garden carried in the pocket. **3.** He who knows books, has four eyes. **4.** A book may be as great a thing as a battle. **5.** A room without books is a body without a soul. **6.** Word by word, the great books are written. **7.** Books are ships which pass through the vast seas of time. - Francis Bacon **8.** A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit. - John Milton

Bore: The secret of being a bore, is to tell everything. - Voltaire

Borrow: **1.** Creditors have better memories than debtors. **2.** He, who borrows, sells his freedom.

Borrower: The borrower is the servant of the lender.

Rough: The boughs that bear most, hang lowest.

Bow: Draw not your bow until your arrow is fixed.

Boys: Boys will be men one day.

Brain: Half a brain is enough for him who says little. - Italian

Brag: **1.** Folks with a lot of brass are seldom polished. **2.** Great talkers are little doers.

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Bread: **1.** Eaten bread is forgotten. **2.** Man shall not live by bread alone.

Breeding: What is born of a cat will catch mice.

Bevity: Brevity is the soul of wit.

Bribe: **1.** Honesty stands at the gate and knocks, and bribery enters in. **2.** Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder. - George Washington

Bridge: That is a bad bridge that is shorter than the stream. - German

Broad-mindedness: The broad-minded see the truth in different religions; the narrow-minded see only the differences. - Chinese

Brother: A brother is a friend by nature. - French

Brotherhood: At the narrow passage there is no brother and no friend. - Arabian

Build: It is easier to tear down, than to build. - Latin

Burden: **1.** None knows the weight of another's burden. **2.** The back is shaped to the burden.

Business: Hold back some goods for a thousand days and you will be sure to sell at a profit. - Chinese

Busy: None are so busy as those who do nothing.

Butter: Who carries butter on his head, should not walk in the sun. - Yiddish

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Buy: There are more foolish buyers than foolish sellers.

Calm: A calm portends a storm. - Italian

Camel: Everything with a crooked back is not a camel. - German

Candle: The candle does not give light to itself.

Candor: There is no wisdom like frankness.

Capacity: Little pots soon run over. - Dutch

Cards: The cards are ill-shuffled till I have a good hand. - Jonathan Swift

Care: A man does not die of care: he dries up.

Cat: **1.** When cat and mouse agree, the farmer has no chance. - Danish **2.** If the cat had wings, she'd choke all the birds in the air. - Yiddish

Cause: **1.** A bad cause will be supported by bad men. **2.** The best cause requires a good pleaser.

Caution: Wait till it is night before saying it has been a fine day. - French

Caution: **1.** To a quick question, give a slow answer. **2.** When the cup is full, carry it even. - Scotch

Cemetery: **1.** A piece of a churchyard fits everybody. **2.** From the cemetery, no one is brought back. - Yiddish

Censure: **1.** Everyone knows that censure and scandal are not one. **2.** Let your pride pardon what your nature needs, the salutary censure of a friend.

Ceremony: Ceremony is the smoke of friendship.

Certainty: **1.** Nothing is certain but the unforeseen. **2.** Better an egg today, than a hen tomorrow. - Italian

Chance: **1.** Too late to grieve when the chance is past. **2.** Chance dispenses life with unequal justice.

Change: **1.** Change is not made without inconvenience. **2.** Things do not change; we change. - Henry David Thoreau

Chaos: Chaos results when the world changes faster than people.

Character: **1.** A person shows what he is, by what he does, with what he has. **2.** It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are. **3.** A man shows his character by what he laughs at. - German

Charity: **1.** He that gives to be seen, will relieve none in the dark. **2.** Charity sees the need, not the cause. **3.** Do good, and ask not for whom. **4.** The living need charity more than the dead. **5.** He gives double, who gives unasked.

Charm: Charm costs no more than disgust.

Chatter: Your tongue runs before your wit.

Cheap: Cheap bargains are dear.

Cheat: **1.** He is not cheated, who knows he is being cheated. **2.** A skillful cheat needs no assistant.

Cheerfulness: Continual cheerfulness is a sign of wisdom. - Irish

Children: **1.** Better the child should cry than the father. **2.** Children are certain cares but uncertain comforts.

Circle: Circles, though small, are yet complete.

Circumstance: Man is truly the creature of his circumstances.

City: **1.** A great city is often a great solitude. - Greek **2.** Cities are the sinks of the human race. - Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Civility: Civility opens gates to the bad as well as to the good.

Civilization: Civilization is the making of civil persons. - John Ruskin

Clay: We are clay in the hands of the potter.

Cleanliness: Unless the vessel is clean, what you pour into it turns sour. - Latin

Clever: He who would be too clever, makes a fool of himself. - Yiddish

Climb: He who would climb the ladder, must begin at the bottom.

Clock: A clock that stands still, is better than one that goes wrong. - Yiddish

Clothes: Good clothes open doors.

Cloud: If there were no clouds, we should not enjoy the sun.

Cold: Everyone feels the cold according to how he is clad. - Spanish

Comfort: When I break my leg, it is no comfort to me that another has broken his neck. - Danish

Command: **1.** Command large fields, but cultivate small ones. - Virgil

Common sense - **1.** A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning. **2.** One pound of learning, requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it.

Companionship: **1.** He that lies with dogs, rises with fleas. **2.** If you wish to smell like a flower, don't dance behind a pony. - Julius Gelfand **3.** He is known by his companions. - Latin

Comparison: To compare, is not to prove. - French

Competition: The only competition worthy of a wise man is with himself.

Complaint: **1.** The worst wheel of the cart creaks most. **2.** I complained because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet. - Spanish

Compliment: **1.** Compliments cost nothing, yet many pay dear for them **2.** Of a compromise only a third is meant.

Compromise: **1.** A lean compromise is better than a fat law-suit. **2.** Better bend, than break. - Scottish

Conceit: **1.** Conceit may puff a man up, but never prop him up. **2.** Every man has a right to be conceited, until he is successful. - Benjamin Disraeli

Condonation: For the sake of one good action a hundred evil ones should be forgotten. - Chinese

Confession: **1.** A generous confession disarms slander. **2.** Confession is the first step to repentence.

Confidence: **1.** Confidence begets greater confidence. **2.** Man cannot be forced into trust.

Conflict: Nobody can live longer in peace than his neighbor pleases.

Conformity: Either do as your neighbors does, or move away.

Conquer: Rats and conquerors must expect no mercy in misfortune.

Conscience: **1.** When you have no observers, be afraid of yourself. **2.** A clear conscience can bear any trouble. **3.** A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

Conservative: A conservative government is an organized hypocrisy.

Consistency: Inconsistency is the only thing in which men are consistent.

Constant: Constancy is the foundation of virtues.

Contempt: Contempt is the sharpest reproof.

Contentment: **1.** The best beauty aid is the power of contentment. **2.** Contentment is a continual feast. 3. Who is well-seated should not budge.

Conversation: **1.** Many can argue, not many converse. **2.** He who converses not, knows nothing.

Cook: A bad cook licks his own fingers.

Cooperation: One hand cannot applaud. - Arabian

Corporation: Corporations have neither souls to be saved, nor bodies to be kicked. - J. S. Eldon

Corruption: The best things corrupted, become the worst. - Latin

Cosmopolitan: He has no home, whose home is everywhere. - Latin

Cost: **1.** What costs little, is little esteemed. **2.** All good things are cheap; all bad are very dear. - Henry David Thoreau

Counsel: Generally, good counsel never comes too late. - German

Couple: Every couple is not a pair.

Courage: **1.** Courage consists not so much in avoiding danger as in conquering it. **2.** True courage grapples with misfortune. - Latin

Court: At court, there are many hands, but few hearts. - German

Courtesy: **1.** No man is too big to be courteous, but some are too little. **2.** He that asks a courtesy, promises a kindness. **3.** An excess of courtesy is discourtesy.

Cowardice: **1.** Of two cowards, the one who finds the other out first, has the advantage. **2.** It is considered cowardly to fly from a living enemy or to abuse a dead one. **3.** It is better to be a coward for a minute, than dead the rest of your life. - Irish

Credit: Buying on trust is the way to pay double.

Crime: **1.** He who profits by crime, commits it. **2.** If you share your friend's crime, you make it your own. **3.** Following the lines of least resistence makes men and rivers crooked. - Ralph Pierce

Criticism: **1.** It is easier to be critical, than to be correct.. **2.** Tall trees catch much wind. **3.** Most knocking is done by folks who don't know how to ring the bell. **4.** Criticism is not construction, it is observation. - George William Curtis

Crowd: A crowd is not company.

Crown: **1.** Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. **2.** A crown is surely no cure for a headache.

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Cruelty: **1.** Find a cruel man and you see a coward. **2.** Cruelty is a tyrant that is always attended with fear. **3.** All cruelty springs from weakness. - Seneca

Cunning: We take cunning for a sinister or crooked wisdom. - Francis Bacon

Cure: **1.** The cure is worse than the disease. **2.** It is part of the cure to wish to be cured. **3.** What can't be cured, must be endured.

Curiosity: Curiosity is born of jealousy. - French

Custom: **1.** To circumstance and custom, the law must yield. **2.** Custom reconciles us to everything.

Dance: The poetry of the foot. - John Dryden

Danger: **1.** As soon as there is life, there is bound to be danger. **2.** A danger is never overcome without danger.

Darkness: He that would run in the dark may easily stumble.

Day: One of these days, is none of these days.

Deaf: None are so deaf as those who won't hear.

Death: **1.** As soon as a man is born, he begins to die. **2.** To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.

Debate: **1.** Debate is the shortest cut between two minds.2. Debate is the death of conversation.

Debt: **1.** He, who promises runs into debt. **2.** It is hard to pay for bread that has been eaten. **3.** He is rich who owes nothing. - Hungarian

Debtor: Every time you lend money to a friend you have a tendency to damage his memory.

Deceit: **1.** He that once deceives, is ever suspected. **2.** The easiest person to deceive is one's self.

Deception: **1.** If a man deceives me once, shame on him; if he deceives me twice, shame on me. **2.** He is not deceived, who knows himself to be deceived.

Decision: **1.** The door must either be shut or open. **2.** Necessity requires no decision.

Deed: **1.** A noble deed is a step toward God. **2.** An ill deed cannot be undone. **3.** An ill deed cannot bring honor.

Delay: **1.** Putting off a hard thing makes it impossible **2.** Do not delay: the golden moments fly! **3.** Delays are not denials. **4.** Delay is preferable to error.

Democracy: **1.** Democracy is better than tyranny. **2.** Democracy becomes a government of bullies tempered by editors.

Deny: He who denies all, confesses all. - Spanish

Depletion: Taking out without putting in, soon comes to the bottom.

Depression: During a depression, we lose our houses; during prosperity, we lose our homes.

Desire: **1.** It often happens that desire outlives performance . **2.** There is no desire for what is unknown. - Latin

Despise: A man must make himself despicable before he is despised by others. - Chinese

Destiny: **1.** Destiny leads the willing, but drags the unwilling. **2.** We are what we must be, and not what we would be.

Detection: No one can be caught in places he does not visit. - Danish

Determination: **1.** Follow the river and you will find the sea. - French **2.** To him who is determined, it remains only to act. - Italian

Diagnosis: The first step toward cure is to know what the disease is. - Latin

Diamond: Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without it - Chinese

Dice: The best throw of the dice is to throw them away.

Difference: It makes a real difference whose ox is gored.

Difficulty: **1.** Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body. **2.** Nothing is difficult to a willing mind.

Dignity: **1.** It is only people of small moral stature who have to stand on their dignity. **2.** Our dignity is not what we do, but what we understand.

Diligence: No diligence, no prize.

Dining: He, who depends upon another's table often dines late.

Dirt: He, that flings dirt upon another, dirties himself most.

Disappointment: **1.** The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what is coming to them. **2.** Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand.

Discipline: **1.** He who lives without discipline, dies without honor. **2.** It is easier to build boys than to rebuild men.

Discontent: What makes us discontented with our condition is the absurdly exaggerated idea we have of the happiness of others.

Discretion: **1.** Sometimes the best gain is to lose. **2.** Better lose the anchor than the whole ship. - Dutch

Disease: Diseases are the tax on ill pleasures.

Disgrace: A wise and good man can suffer no disgrace. - Latin

Dispute: He who disputes with the stupid, must have sharp answers. - German

Disturbance: A plant often removed, cannot thrive.

Doctor: **1.** If the doctor cures, the sun sees it; if he kills, the earth hides it. **2.** No man is a good physician who has never been sick. - Arabian

Dog: Every dog is a lion at home. - Italian

Doubt: **1.** To doubt is safer than to be secure. **2.** Who knows nothing, doubts nothing. - French

Down: Look down, and you'll see how high up you are. - Yiddish

Dress: That man is best dressed whose dress no one observes.

Drink: **1.** More people are drowned in the glass than in the sea. **2.** Drink injures a man externally, internally, and eternally. **3.** Drinking a little too much is drinking a great deal too much. - German

Drop: Constant dropping wears the stone.

Drunkard: The drunkard continually assaults his own life.

Dust: He that blows in the dust, fills his eyes with it.

Duty: **1.** In doing what we ought, we deserve no praise. - Latin **2.** Duty, is what one expects from others. - Oscar Wilde

Eagle: **1.** You cannot fly like an eagle with the wings of a wren. **2.** The eagle does not make war against frogs.

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Ear: Give every man thy ear, but only a few thy voice. - William Shakespeare

Early: He who does not rise with the sun does not enjoy the day. - Spanish

Earth: The earth produces all things, and receives all again.

Easy: It is easy to manage, when fortune favors.

Economy: **1.** Economy is the wealth of the poor and the wisdom of the rich. **2.** There is no economy in going to bed early to save candles; if the result is twins. - Chinese

Education: **1.** Public instruction should be the first objective of government. **2.** Better untaught than ill taught. **3.** By nature, all men are alike, but by education they become different. **4.** Only the educated are free. **5.** There is no royal road to geometry - Euclid

Eel: An eel held by the tail is not yet caught.

Efficiency: Better go than send. - Chinese

Effort: Life without endeavor is like entering a jewel mine and coming out with empty hands. - Japanese

Egotism: It is difficult to esteem a man as highly as he would wish. - French

Eloquence: **1.** Eloquence is the child of knowledge. **2.** Often there is eloquence in a silent look. **3.** He is eloquent enough for whom truth speaks. - Latin

End: In everything, consider the end. - French

Enemy: **1.** One enemy can harm you more than a hundred friends can do you good. **2.** An enemy's mouth seldom speaks well. **3.** An open enemy is better than a false friend. **4.** There is no such thing as an insignificant enemy. - French

Envy: **1.** Never envy a man unless you are willing to swap identities with him. **2.** Don't envy another's good fortune; emulate the work that helped him earn it. **3.** Envy shoots at others and wounds itself.

Equality: **1.** The only real equality is in the cemetery. - German **2.** All fingers are equal in the clenched fist. - Russian

Equivocation: Equivocation is the first cousin to a lie.

Error: **1.** Error is always in a hurry. **2.** Honest error is to be pitied, not ridiculed.

Escape: Of all the thirty-six alternatives, running away is the best. - Chinese

Esteem: Many are esteemed, only because they are not known. - French

Evil: **1.** An evil life is a kind of death. **2.** Evil often triumphs, but never conquers.

Exaggeration: **1.** Exaggeration is to paint a snake and add legs. **2.** The archer who overshoots misses, as well as he that falls short. **3.** We always weaken whatever we exaggerate. - French

Example: **1.** We reform others unconciously when we act uprightly. **2.** A man profits more by the sight of an idiot than by the orations of the learned. - Arabian

Excess: **1**. To go beyond is as bad as to fall short. **2.** All sunshine makes the desert. - Arabian

Excuses: **1.** Where the heart is willing, it will find a thousand ways; but where it is unwilling, it will find a thousand excuses. **2.** He who makes excuses accuses himself.

Exhuberance: In the midst of great joy, do not promise to give a man anything; in the midst of great anger, do not answer a man's letter.

Experience: **1.** He who has been bitten by a snake is afraid of an eel. **2.** Experience is a comb which nature gives to men when they are bald. **3.** A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man perfect without trials. - Chinese

Extravagance: He, who buys what he needs not, sells what he needs. - Japanese

Eye: **1.** All must look yellow to the jaundiced eye. **2.** The eye is blind, if the mind is absent.

Face: The face is often a true index of the heart.

Fact: Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

Failure: **1.** Failure often teaches you more than success. **2.** In most great attempts it is glorious even to fail. **3.** Give me the heart to fight and lose.

Faith: He, who loses money, loses much. He who loses a friend loses more. He, who loses faith, loses all.

Fall: 1. Every slip is not a real fall. **2.** He, who will bravely dare, must sometimes risk a fall.

Falsehood: Half a fact is a whole falsehood.

Fame: Fame like a river is narrowest at its source and broadest far off.

Familiarity: Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar. - William Shakespeare

Family: It is better to be the best of a low family than the worst of a noble one. - Greek

Farming: The way of cultivation is not easy. - Latin

Fate: 1. Fate laughs at probabilities. **2.** He that is born to be hanged, shall never be drowned.

Fatherhood: A father loves his children in hating their faults.

Faults: 1. Forget others' faults by remembering your own. **2.** Bad men excuse their faults; good men abandon them. **3.** Deal with the faults of others gently as with your own. - Chinese **4.** If the best man's faults were written on his forehead, it would make him pull his hair over his eyes. - Welsh

Fault-finding: Don't find fault with what you don't understand.

Favor: **1.** The greater the favor, the greater the obligation. **2.** A favor is half granted, when gracefully refused.

Fear: **1.** Fear is the offspring of ignorance. **2.** Fear makes lions tame. **3.** The greater the fear, the nearer the danger. - Danish **4.** Our fears always outnumber our dangers. - Latin

Finger: All fingers are not alike.

Fire: The fire which warms us at a distance will burn us when near.

Fishing: Catching fish is not the whole of fishing.

Flattery: Beware of one who flatters unduly; he will also censure unjustly. - Arabian

Flea: The flea, though he kills no one, does all the harm he can.

Flight: He, who flees from trial, confesses his guilt.

Folly: **1.** Folly grows without watering. **2.** One man's folly is the fortune of another.

Fool: **1.** A fool asks more questions in an hour than a wise man can answer in seven years. **2.** He that makes himself an ass must not take it ill if men ride him. **3.** A fool is like all other men as long as he remains silent. - Danish

Force: He who overcomes by force, overcomes but half his foe.

Foresight: He, who fails to look before, finds himself behind. - French

Forget: It is sometimes expedient to forget even what you know. - Latin

Forgiveness: **1.** Never ask for a pardon before you are accused. **2.** Forgiving the unrepentant is like drawing pictures on water. - Japanese

Fortune: You must have good luck to catch hares with a drum. - Danish

Fox: A fox sleeps, but counts hens in his dreams.

Fraud: It is fraud to conceal fraud. - Legal Maxim

Freedom: **1.** The sweetest freedom is an honest heart. **2.** Who accepts from another, sells his freedom. - German

Friend: **1.** If you have one true friend, you have more than your share. **2.** He never was a friend who ceased to be so for a slight cause. **3.** One who seeks a faultless friend, rests friendless. **4.** Prosperity makes friends, and adversity tries them.

Friendship: **1.** Friendship is a plant which must be often watered. **2.** The soil of friendship is worn out with constant use. - William Hazlitt **3.** Friendship is the marriage of the soul. - Voltaire

Frog: Even a frog would bite, if it had teeth.

Fruit: Don't pluck the fruit before it's ripe.

Future: **1.** One generation plants the trees ...another gets the shade. - Chinese **2.** He that will not look forward must look behind. - Gaelic **3.** The present is great with the future. - Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz

Gain: Pain is forgotten, where gain follows.

Gambling: **1.** The devil is in the dice. **2.** Losing comes of winning money. - Chinese

Garden: The gardner's feet do no harm to the garden. - Spanish

Genius: **1.** Genius is truly nothing but labor and diligence. **2.** Genius is mainly an affair of energy.

Gentle: Gentle is that gentle does.

Gentleman: **1.** When two men quarrel, he, who is first silent, is the greater gentleman. **2.** It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is one who never inflicts pain.

Gentleness: **1.** A gentle hand may lead the elephant with a hair. **2.** The mildest manners and the gentlest heart. - Homer

Gift: **1.** A practical gift is one you can afford. **2.** Gifts should be handed, not thrown. **3.** Generosity goes with good birth. - Pierre Corneille **4.** What is bought, is cheaper than a gift. - Portuguese

Giving: **1.** He that gives his heart will not deny his money. **2.** He who gives when he is asked, has waited too long.

Glory: **1.** It is a worthier thing to deserve honor than to possess it. **2.** When glory comes, loss of memory follows. - French

Goal: To score, you must first have a goal.

Goat: If the beard were all, the goat might preach.

God: **1.** God promises a safe landing but not a calm passage. - Bulgarian **2.** God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home. - French

Gold: **1.** The balance distinguishes not between gold and lead. **2.** Gold is an unseen tyrant. - Greek

Golden rule: Do unto others as though you were others.

Good: When you are good to others you are best to yourself. - American

Goodness: People seldom get dizzy spells from doing good turns.

Goose: The old goose plays not with foxes.

Gossip: **1.** Gossip is a grapevine that grows only sour grapes. **2.** Who gossips to you will gossip of you.

Government: **1.** The whole of government consists in the art of being honest. **2.** Every country has the government it deserves. - French

Gradual: Step by step the ladder is ascended.

Grasp: Grasp no more than thy hand will hold.

Gratitude: **1.** He merits no thanks who does a kindness for his own ends. **2.** Do not cut down the tree that gives you shade. - Arabian

Grave: The grave is the general meeting place.

Great: **1.** Great hopes make great men. **2.** The price of greatness is responsibility. **3.** Great men have great faults. **4.** Great men's vices are esteemed as virtues.

Greatness: **1.** Greatness, knows gentleness. **2.** A man is judged to be great because of the positive qualities he possesses; not because of the absence of faults.

Greed: **1.** Never try to catch two frogs with one hand. **2.** Two watermelons cannot be held under one arm. **3.** Those who seek more than they need, hinder themselves from enjoying what they have. - Hebrew

Grief: He grieves sincerely who grieves unseen.

Guest: **1.** A guest in the house - God in the house. **2.** Fresh fish and a new-come guest smell in three days.

Guilt: **1.** He, who is guilty, believes all men speak ill of him. **2.** A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

Gullibility: **1.** If we don't stand for something, we will fall for anything. **2.** It is an equal failing to trust everybody, and to trust nobody.

Habit: **1.** A habit, if not resisted, soon becomes a necessity. **2.** Good habits result from resisting temptation. **3.** He, who stoops too often, will remain bent. - Leon Harrison

Hair: His hair stood upright like porcupine quills.

Hand: Nothing enters into a closed hand.

Handsome: Handsome is not what is handsome, but what pleases. - Yiddish

Happiness: **1.** Happiness follows simplicity. **2.** Do not speak of your own happiness to one who is unhappy. **3.** The secret of happiness is to count your blessings, while others are adding up their troubles. **4.** Who looks for happiness outside his own home is chasing after his own shadow.

Hardship: There are some defeats more triumphant than victories. - Michel Montaigne

Harm: When the harm is done, it is useless to unstring the bow. - French

Harvest: Good harvests make men prodigal, bad ones provident.

Haste: **1.** The hasty leaps over his opportunities. **2.** Haste is the mother of imperfection. **3.** A hasty man drinks his tea with a fork. **4.** Hurry bequeaths disappointment.

Hatred: **1.** Hatred is self-punishment. **2.** Press not thy hatred too far. - Latin

Head: No man's head aches while he comforts another.

Health: He, who has health, has hope, and he, who has hope, has everything. - Arabian

Hear: Hear twice before you speak once.

Heart: **1.** Every heart hath its own ache. **2.** When the heart is full, the eyes overflow. **3.** A woman's heart sees more than ten men's eyes. **4.** He wears his heart on his sleeve. **5.** When the heart is on fire, some sparks fly out of the mouth.

Heaven: **1.** Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. **2.** He will never get to heaven who desires to go there alone. **3.** No man must go to heaven who has not sent his heart there before.

Help: **1.** Even the just have need of help. **2.** If you can't help your friend with money, help him at least with a sigh. - Yiddish

Helpfulness: A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.

Heredity: The best part of the family tree is always underground.

Hero: **1.** Take away ambition and vanity, and what becomes of your hero? **2.** There are heroes in evil as well as in good. - French

Hesitate: He that forecasts all perils will never sail the sea.

High: The highest branch is not the safest roost.

History: **1.** History is lies agreed upon. **2.** He that would know what shall be, must consider what has been.

Honesty: **1.** Honesty is a question of right and wrong, not a matter of policy. **2.** Honest men are easily deceived. **3.** An honest man does not make himself a dog for the sake of a bone. - Danish

Honey: A drop of honey catches more flies than a barrel of vinegar.

Honor: **1.** Honor is better than honors. **2.** The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons. - Ralph Waldo Emerson **3.** Honor a child and it will honor you. - Rhodesian

Hook: The hook without bait catches no fish.

Hope: **1.** Hope is the poor man's income. **2.** Who lives by hope will die of hunger. **3.** A misty morning does not signify a cloudy day.

Hospitality: **1.** Who practices hospitality entertains God himself. **2.** It is a sin against hospitality, to open your doors and darken your countenance.

Hour: The hour which gives us life, begins to take it away. - Latin

Humility: **1.** The boughs that bear most, hang lowest. **2.** There is no true holiness without humility. **3.** Falling hurts least those who fly low.

Humor: A man, without mirth, is like a wagon without springs.

Hunger: **1.** A hungry dog does not fear the stick. **2.** A man who wants bread, is ready for anything.

Hunting: He, who hunts with cats, will catch mice.

Husband: **1.** A good husband makes a good wife. **2.** The more a wife loves her husband, the more she corrects his faults. - Chinese

Hyprocite: He looks one way and rows another.

Ideas: To possess ideas is to gather flowers; to think, is to weave them into garlands.

Idleness: A pound of idleness weighs twenty ounces.

Ignorance: **1.** Faults of ignorance are excusable only where the ignorance itself is so. **2.** He, who knows nothing, is confident of everything.

Illness: Illness gives you the taste of health.

Imagination: Imagination is a poor substitute for experience. - H. Havelock Ellis

Imitation: **1.** We are what we are; we gain nothing by copying others. **2.** No man was ever great by imitation. - Samuel Johnson

Immortality: **1.** Men are immortal till their work is done. **2.** He has not lived that lives not after death.

Impossible: **1.** One foot cannot stand on two boats. **2.** One will find that he cannot ride on two horses with one rear end. - Pearl Bookbinder **3.** By asking for the impossible we obtain the possible. - Italian

Impudence: Impudence is often the result of ignorance.

Inaction: **1.** Anyone, who is satisfied to stand, still should not complain when others pass him. **2.** Doing nothing is doing evil.

Imcompleteness: Doing things by halves is worthless. It may be the other half that counts.

Inconsequence: When small men cast big shadows, it means the sun is about to set.

Inconsistency: **1.** It's useless to put your best foot forward and then drag the other. **2.** He leaps into a deep river to avoid a shallow brook.

Indecision: **1.** Indecision is the graveyard of good intention. **2.** While we consider when to begin, it becomes too late. - Latin

Independence: So live that you can look any man in the eye and tell him to go to hell.

Index: A book without an index is like a mind without a memory.

Indifference: **1.** Where apathy is the master, all men are slaves. **2.** The moon does not heed the barking of dogs. - Latin

Industry: **1.** The sleeping fox will surely catch no poultry. **2.** The used key is always bright.

Infallibility: The man who never makes a mistake, always takes orders from one who does.

Ingratitude: **1.** Thankless men rarely do thankful deeds. **2.** Cast no dirt into the well that gives you water. **3.** Ingratitude is the sepulcher of love.

Inheritance: **1.** He, who waits for a dead man's shoes, is in danger of going barefoot. - Danish **2.** The tears of an heir are laughter under a mask. - Latin

Initiative: **1.** The best step, the first step. **2.** He who has no fire in himself, cannot warm others. - Swiss

Injury: A worthy man forgets past injuries.

Injustice: It is easier for some people to do themselves an injustice, than it is for them to do someone else a favor.

Innocence: **1.** We become innocent when we are unfortunate. **2.** Innocence needs no eloquence. **3.** A mind concious of innocence, laughs at the lies of rumor. - Latin

Inquisitiveness: He, who asks a question, is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever. - Chinese

Insight: In today's complex and fast-moving world, what we need even more than foresight or hindsight is insight.

Insignificance: Do not despise an insignificant enemy; nor a slight wound. - German

Instability: He, who begins many things, finishes nothing.

Insult: The way to procure insults is to submit them.

Integrity: **1.** With lies, you may go ahead in the world - but you can never go back. **2.** There can be no friendship without confidence, and no confidence, without integrity. **3.** An honest man is not the worse because a dog barks at him. - Danish

Intention: The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.

Interest: Few kindnesses are as warmly welcomed as sincere, objective interest. - Norman G. Sidle

Intrinsic: Rotten wood cannot be carved. - Chinese

Instuition: All great men are gifted with intuition. They know without reasoning or analysis what they need to know.

Irritability: Women are more irritable than men; the reason being that men are more irritating.

Jealousy: **1.** No man is a complete failure until he begins disliking men who succeed. **2.** The jealous man poisons his own banquet, and then eats it.

Jesting: Never risk a joke with a man who is unable to comprehend it.

Joke: Jokes ought to have the teeth of sheep, not those of dogs.

Journey: Good company in a journey makes the way to seem the shorter. - Italian

Joy: Sorrows remembered, sweetens present joy.

Judge: **1.** An upright judge has more regard for justice than for men. **2.** Men judge the affairs of others better than their own. - Latin

Judging: **1.** He, who will have no judge but himself, condemns himself. **2.** He, who is a judge between two friends, loses one of them. - French

Judgment: **1.** Good judgment comes from experience, which comes from poor judgment. **2.** All wholesale judgments are imperfect. - French

Justice: **1.** Little thieves are hanged by the neck and great thieves by the purse. **2.** Justice is better when it prevents, rather than punishes with severity. **3.** Justice is truth in action. - Joseph Joubert

Keenness: It takes a rough stone to sharpen the edge.

Key: Not every key fits every lock.

Kindness: **1.** Kindness can pluck the hairs of a lion's moustache. **2.** Kindness is the beginning and the end of the law. **3.** Hatred and anger are powerless when met with kindness. **4.** One kind word can warm three winter months. - Japanese

Kiss: **1.** Don't kiss a homely maid - she'll brag about it. **2.** A kiss for the child is as good as a kiss for its mother. - Yiddish

Knife: One knife keeps another in its sheath. - Italian

Knowledge: **1.** Knowledge in youth is wisdom in old age. **2.** Who knows most, knows least. **3.** He, who knows nothing, never doubts.

Labor: **1.** Those who labor with their minds, rule those who labor with their bodies. **2.** The end of labor is to gain leisure. **3.** Be the first in the field and the last to the couch. - Chinese **4.** He, who would eat the kernel must crack the shell. - Latin

Language: Languages are the pedigrees of nations. - Samuel Johnson

Lark: Rise with the lark, and go to bed with the lamb.

Last: The last feather breaks the camel's back.

Late: **1.** A little too late is much too late. **2.** He, who comes late, must eat what is left. - Yiddish

Laughter: **1.** He is not laughed at, who laughs at himself first. **2.** He who laughs - lasts. - Norwegian

Law: **1.** Good judge conceives quickly, judges slowly. **2.** A good law unexecuted is like an unperformed promise. **3.** He, who goes to the law for a sheep, loses his cow. **4.** There is no law without a loophole for him who can find it. - German

Lawyer: If the laws could speak, they would first complain of lawyers.

Lazy: To the lazy, every day is a holiday.

Leadership: **1.** One bad general is better than two good ones. **2.** A born leader sees which way the crowd is going and steps in ahead. **3.** Civilization is always in danger when those who have never learned to obey are given the right to command.

Learning: **1.** He, who adds not to his learning, diminishes it. **2.** A man becomes learned by asking questions. **3.** Learning makes the wise wiser, and the fool more foolish.

Legacy: A man who teaches his children industry, provides them with a fortune.

Legislation: **1.** Good laws make it easier to do right and harder to do wrong. **2.** The more laws the less justice. **3.** We should never do by law what can be accomplished by morality.

Leisure: **1.** A life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things. **2.** Leisure is a beautiful garment, but it will not do for constant wear. **3.** He was never less at leisure than when at leisure. - Latin

Lend: Great spenders are bad lenders.

Lending: He, who lends to the poor, gives to the Lord, who will repay him with interest.

Lesson: There is a lesson in every perplexity.

Lie: **1.** Liars need good memories. **2.** Better a lie that soothes than a truth that hurts. - Czech **3.** A lie is a bone which you throw into the mouth of another, but it chokes you. - Rumanian

Life: **1.** Most men employ the earlier part of life to make the later part miserable. **2.** I wept when I was born and every day explains why. - Spanish **3.** He, who saves one life, is considered as if he had preserved the whole world. - Talmud

Literature: Literature is a candle lighted in the mind and left alit.

Litigation: He, who has the worst cause, makes the most noise.

Little: A little stone may upset a large cart. - Italian

Loquacity: To talk much and arriving nowhere is the same as climbing a tree to catch a fish. - Chinese

Lose: **1.** Better lose the anchor than the whole ship. **2.** Losers are always in the wrong. **3.** If you've nothing to lose, you can try everything. - Yiddish

Loss: Fortune lost, nothing lost; courage lost, much lost; honor lost, more lost; soul lost, all lost.

Love: **1.** Love comes after the wedding. **2.** To love is to admire with the heart; to admire, is to love with the mind.

Luck: **1.** Too much luck is bad luck. **2.** Luck never gives; it only lends. - Swedish

Luxury: **1.** Living in the lap of luxury isn't bad, except that you never know when luxury is going to stand up. **2.** Those, who never had a cushion, don't miss it.

Madness: The mad dog bites his master.

Maid: If a maid marries an old man, she becomes a young widow. - Yiddish

Majority: The opinion of the majority is not the final proof of what is right. - Freidrich von Schiller

Malice: Malice seldom wants a mark to shoot at.

Man: **1.** Man is a machine into which we put food and produce thought. **2.** Man is but a reed, the weakest in nature; but he is a thinking reed. - Blaise Pascal

Manners: **1.** Graciousness of manner is built upon very definite qualities of character, and chief among these is - adaptability, tact and poise. **2.** Everyone thinks himself well-fed. **3.** Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person. - Mark Twain

Market: No one has a good market for bad goods.

Marriage: **1.** He, who marries for wealth, sells his own liberty. **2.** To marry once is a duty, twice a folly, thrice is madness. - Dutch

Martyr: It is the cause, not the death, that makes the martyr. - French

Master: **1.** He, who is master of himself, will soon be master of others. **2.** He, who has two masters to serve, must lie to one of them. - Spanish

Maxim: All of the good maxims have been written; it only remains to put them into practice.

Meal: Better many meals than one too many.

Measure: Don't measure another's corn by your own bushel.

Meanness: Even the mean man has his value; you can learn from him how not to live.

Mechanization: The greatest danger in modern technology isn't that machines will begin to think like men, but that men will begin to think like machines.

Meddling: Never burn your fingers to snuff another man's candle.

Medicine: **1.** Different sores must have different salves. **2.** Nothing hinders a cure so much as frequent change of medicine. - Latin

Melancholy: It is the melancholy face that gets stung by the bee.

Memory: **1.** Bad memory has its roots in bad attention. **2.** Pleasant memories must be arranged for in advance.

Mercy: Justice tempered with too much mercy becomes injustice.

Military: **1.** The common soldier's blood makes the general great. **2.** A good general not only sees the way to victory, he also knows when victory is impossible.

Mind: **1.** Our minds must be cultivated as well as our plants. **2.** To change one's mind is rather a sign of prudence than ignorance. **3.** A wise man changes his mind, a fool never. - Spanish

Minister: The world looks at ministers out of the pulpit, to know what they mean in it.

Miracle: **1.** Those things that are mysterious are not necessarily miracles. **2.** The man for whom a miracle has been done, never recognizes it as a miracle.

Mirror: What your glass tells you will not be told by counsel.

Mirth: Mirth make the banquet sweet.

Miserliness: **1.** Fools live poor to die rich **2.** What he has is of no more use to the miser than what he has not. - Italian

Misery: Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows. - William Shakespeare

Misfortune: **1.** Misfortunes always come in the door that has been left open for them. **2.** Misfortune can take away nothing but what good fortune gave us. **3.** We all have sufficient strength to bear other people's misfortune. **4.** Misfortune is frequently friendless.

Mistake: **1.** The only complete mistake is the mistake from which we learn nothing. **2.** The man, who never makes mistakes, loses a great many chances to learn something. **3.** It is disgraceful to stumble against the same stone twice. **4.** I have made mistakes, but I have never made the mistake of saying that I never made one. **5.** Nothing is final about a mistake, except when it is taken as final.

Misunderstanding: **1.** A truth, that one does not understand, becomes an error. **2.** There is no worse lie than a truth misunderstood by those who hear it.

Mob: A mob is a monster with many hands and no brains.

Moderation: Moderation in temper is a virtue, but moderation in principle is always a vice.

Modesty: **1.** Great men never feel great. Small men never feel small. **2.** Modesty is a wonderful thing, if it doesn't cost a cent and make you look like a million. **3.** He, who takes his rank lightly, raises his own dignity. - Hebrew

Money: **1.** The love of money and the love of learning seldom meet. **2.** Money is the hatchet to separate pleasant friends. **3.** When money speaks, the truth is silent.

Monument: **1.** It is those who truly deserve a monument who do not need one; they have raised a monument in the minds and memories of men. **2.** No monuments are erected for the righteous; their deeds perpetuate their memory.

Morality: There are many religions, but only one morality.

Morning: The morning hour has gold in its teeth.

Mother: **1.** Simply having children does not make mothers. **2.** No gift to your mother can ever equal her gift to you - life.

Mountain: If you don't scale the mountain, you can't view the plains. - Chinese

Mouth: If the mouth did not have to eat, the head would wear gold. - Yiddish

Murder: One murder makes a villain, millions a hero.

Music: Music is the only sensual pleasure without vice. - Samuel Johnson

Naked: Nakedness is uncomely, as well in mind, as in body. - Francis Bacon

Name: If you have the name, you may as well enjoy the game.

Narrow-mindedness: A narrow mind and a wide mouth usually go together.

Natural: What is natural is never disgraceful.

Nature: **1.** There are in nature no rewards, nor are there punishments, just consequences. **2.** Everyone follows the inclination of his own nature. - Latin

Necessity: **1.** Necessity makes laws, but does not obey them. **2.** Necessity changes many a course, but never a goal. **3.** Necessity makes even the timid brave. - Latin **4.** That which necessity compels, she excuses. - Legal Maxim **5.** Necessity urges desperate measures. - Spanish

Need: Need sharpens the brain. - Yiddish

Neglect: A little neglect may breed great mischief.

Neighbor: **1.** Don't expect your neighbor to be better than your neighbor's neighbor. **2.** Be happy with your neighbor's prosperity because it contributes to your own. **3.** The fence that makes good neighbors, needs a gate to make good friends. **4.** No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor.

Net: A new net won't catch an old bird. - Danish

News: Stay a little, and you can be sure that the news will find you.

Night: The longest night will have an end.

Noble: **1.** There is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. **2.** Tears are the noble language of the eye. - Robert Herrick **3.** True nobility is in being superior to your former self. - Hindu

Nonconformist: Who, so would be a man, must be a nonconformist. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nose: He, who has a great nose thinks everybody is speaking of it.

Nothing: Nothing will come of nothing.

Now: The only period of time you can ever act upon is right now. - Paul Parker

Oak: Every oak has been an acorn.

Obedience: **1.** When you obey your superior you instruct your inferior. **2.** Cheerful obedience is the only kind worth practicing. **3.** Every person has first learned how to obey, who to obey, and when to obey. **4.** The man, who would lift others, must be uplifted himself, and he, who would command others, must learn to obey. - Charles K. Ober

Oblivion: Oblivion is the flower that grows best on graves.

Obscurity: **1.** Not to know me argues yourselves unknown. **2.** Sweet were the days when I was all unknown. - Alfred Lord Tennyson

Obstacle: **1.** Obstacles show up when you take your eyes off the goal. **2.** An obstacle is often an unrecognized opportunity. **3.** Whatever impedes a man, but doesn't stop him, aids his progress. **4.** The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.

Obstinacy: Fools and obstinate men make rich lawyers. - Spanish

Obvious: The obscure we see eventually; the completely apparent takes longer.

Occupation: Absence of occupation is not rest.

Offensiveness: Keep on your own toes if you expect to make progress.

Old: Old foxes want no tutors.

Old age: **1.** You are old only if you'd rather win an argument than be right. **2.** Many people use their youth to make their old age miserable. **3.** Old age may seem a long way off, but on the day it doesn't, it will be too late to do anything about it.

Opinion: **1.** The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinion. **2.** One of the hardest secrets for a man to keep is his opinion of himself. **3.** Risk little on the opinion of a man who has nothing to lose. **4.** Some men haven't any opinions but yours, until they meet the next fellow. **5.** Every absurdity has a champion to defend it.

Opportunity: **1.** To recognize opportunity is the difference between success and failure. **2.** An ostrich with its head in the sand is just as blind to opportunity as to disaster. **3.** Even when opportunity knocks, a man still has to get up off his seat to open the door. **4.** If you want to launch big ships, you have to go where the water is deep. **5.** When opportunity knocks at the door, some people are out in the yard looking for four-leaf clovers.

Opposition: **1.** It is usually easy to tell whether a proposition is right by observing the gang who thinks it is wrong. **2.** It takes a strong man to swim against the current; any dead fish will float with it. **3.** Never ascribe to an opponent motives meaner than your own. - James Barrie

Optimism: **1**. A cloud cannot cast a shadow unless the sun is shining behind it. **2.** When fate knocks you flat on your back, remember she leaves you looking up.

Optimist: A pessimist finds difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist finds opportunity in every difficulty.

Oratory: Trying to settle a problem with oratory is like attempting to unsnarl a traffic jam by blowing horns.

Organizer: An organizer is the person who is the center of confusion.

Originality: **1.** To select well among old things is almost equal to inventing new ones. **2.** Originality is the act of forgetting where you read it. **3.** If you want to be original, be yourself. God never made two people exactly alike.

Others: **1.** When you are good to others, you are best to yourself. **2.** He, who wishes to secure the good of others, has already secured his own.

Overeating: Eat,drink and be merry, and tomorrow you'll wish you were dead.

Overweight: **1.** Square meals make round people. **2.** Seconds count - especially when dieting. **3.** The best way to lose weight is to eat all you want of everything you don't like.

Ox: The ox knows not his own strength.

Oyster: He, was a bold man, that first ate an oyster.

Pace: It is the pace that kills.

Pain: **1.** An hour of pain is as long as a day of pleasure. **2.** He, who fears to suffer, suffers from fear. **3.** Pain lessens when it has no means of growth.

Paradise: Paradise and hell can be had in this world. - Yiddish

Pardon: **1.** Where no fault is, there need be no pardon. **2.** It is more noble to pardon than to punish. **3.** Pardon others often, thyself never. - Publilius Syrus

Parent: **1.** Don't wait to make your son a great man - make him a great boy. **2.** When parents don't mind their children, the children don't mind. **3.** A wise parent is one who knows which side his brood should be battered on. **4.** Parents wonder why the streams are bitter when they themselves have poisoned the fountain.

Parenthood: **1.** Parents who are always giving their children nothing but the best, usually wind up with nothing but the worst. **2.** Good fathers make good sons. **3.** Parents should work together as efficiently as two book ends.

Parting: **1.** In every parting there is an image of death - George Eliot **2.** Fate ordains that dearest friends must part. - Edward Young

Partnership: He, who would take on a partner, takes on a master. - French

Passion: 1. Where passion is high, there, reason is low. **2.** He that overcomes his passions, overcomes his greatest enemies.

Past: 1. The past is valuable as a guidepost, but dangerous, if used as a hitching post. **2.** Look upon the present as the past of your future. **3.** You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future. **4.** The past is the past.

Patience: 1. He preacheth patience that never knew pain. **2.** A man is as big as the things that annoy him. **3.** What cannot be moved, becomes lighter through patience. **4.** All things come to him who will but wait. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Patriotism: **1.** The proper means of increasing the love we have for our native country is to reside some time in a foreign one. **2.** Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. - Samuel Johnson

Peace: 1. To be enduring, a peace must be endurable. **2.** The best way to end a war is not to begin it. **3.** What the world needs is the peace that surpasses all misunderstandings. **4.** When a man finds no peace within himself, it is useless to seek it elsewhere. - French

Peasant: The peasant is a peasant though he sleep till mid-day. - German

Pen: **1.** You don't need a golden pen to write upon dirt. **2.** The pen is the tongue of the mind.

People: 1. There are too many of us who are like wheelbarrows - useful only when pushed and too easily upset. 2. Nothing is so uncertain as the judgments of the mob. 3. The mob has many heads, but no brains.

Perfection: A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man made perfect without trials.

Performance 1. You are doing your best only when you are trying to improve what you are doing. 2. The feeling that you've done a job well is rewarding; the feeling that you've done it perfectly is fatal.

Permanence Nothing can be lasting when reason does not rule. - Latin

Persecution To persecute the unfortunate is like throwing stones on one fallen into a well. - Chinese

Perserverance: 1. If you get up one time more than you fall, you will make it through. 2. Little and often, much said. 3. The hardest part of making good is that you have to do it every day.

Persistence 1. Little drops of water wear down big stones. 2. All work and no play makes Jack. 3. Every noble work is at first impossible. - Thomas Carlyle

Personality: 1. As I am, so I see. 2. Personality has the power to open many doors, but character must keep them open.

Persuasion It is the persuasion of the fortunate, that sways the doubtful.

Perverse All things can corrupt perverted minds.

Pettiness: He, who applies himself too closely to little things, becomes incapable of big things.

Philanthropy: **1.** The most acceptable service of God is doing good to man. - Benjamin Franklin **2.** What is done for another is done for one's self. - Latin **3.** I am a man, and nothing human can be indifferent to me. - Terence

Philosphy: **1.** The true medicine of the mind is philosophy. - Latin **2.** Philosophy does the going, and wisdom is the goal. - Latin

Pilot: Everyone can navigate in fine weather.

Pity: **1.** He, who would have others pity him, must pity others. **2.** He, who pities another, remembers only himself.

Place: **1.** It is not the places that grace men, but men the places. - Greek **2.** A place for everything and everything in its place. - Samuel Smiles

Plagiarists: Plagiarists are always suspicious of being stolen from. - Samuel T. Coleridge

Plain: Plain dealing is more praised than practiced.

Planning: **1.** Wishing consumes as much energy as planning. **2.** Using your head cuts down the labor of your hands.

Play: The last act crowns the play.

Please: **1.** He, who all men will please, shall never find ease. **2.** The art of pleasing consists in being pleased. **3.** Do not care how many, but whom, you please. - Latin

Pleasure: **1.** Pleasures are transient; honors are immortal. **2.** The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident. **3.** If you long for pleasure, you must labor hard to get it. **4.** Your greatest pleasure is that which rebounds from hearts that you have made glad.

Plenty: 1. His bread is buttered on both sides. **2.** As plenty as blackberries.

Poet: 1. He does not write, whose verses no one reads. **2.** True poets are the guardians of the state.

Poetry: 1. Poetry, like steam, is created under pressure. **2.** The language in which man explores his own image. **3.** Poetry itself, is a religion; it gives meaning to life. **4.** Poetry is truth wrapped in beauty. **5.** Poetry is the morning dream of great minds.

Point of view: We are inclined to see things not as they are, but as we are.

Poise: The ability to be ill at ease inconspicuously.

Poison: 1. The wicked poisons lurk in sweet honey. **2.** What does not poison, fattens.

Politeness: 1. Politeness costs nothing, and gains everything. **2.** Anyone can be polite to a king; it takes a gentleman to be polite to a beggar. **3.** Nothing is ever lost by politeness - except your seat on a bus. **4.** Politeness is what warmth is to wax. **5.** Politeness to superiors is duty - to equals courtesy - to inferiors nobleness.

Politician: **1.** A politician is known by the promises he keeps. **2.** We all work for the government, but the politician is wise - he gets paid for it.

Politics: **1.** In politics, a man must learn to rise above principle. **2.** An empty stomach cannot be considered a good political adviser. **3.** Political difference is good for democracy. **4.** Politics makes berths for strange fellows. **5.** It's political indifference that's harmful. **6.** This country has gotten to where it is in spite of politics, not by the aid of it. - Will Rogers

Pomposity: There's nothing quite as empty as a stuffed shirt.

Poor: **1.** The devil wipes his tail with the poor man's pride. **2.** Not he who has little, but he who wishes for more, is poor. - Latin

Popularity: **1.** God will not love thee less, because men love thee more. **2.** The popularity of a bad man is as treacherous as himself. - Latin

Port: The worse the passage, the more welcome the port.

Position: **1.** At a round table there's sure to be no dispute. **2.** Sit in your place, and none can make you rise.

Possession: **1.** You cannot lose what you never had. **2.** A wise man will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly. **3.** All strive to give to him who wants nothing. - French

Posterity: People will not look forward to posterity, who never look backward to their ancestors. - Edmund Burke

Pot: When the pot boils over, it cools itself.

Poverty: 1. Poverty is usually the side-partner of laziness. **2.** If you spend all your time collecting money because you have a fear of poverty, you are practicing poverty already. **3.** The doctor has a remedy for everything but poverty. **4.** A man can stand his own poverty better than he can the other fellow's prosperity. **5.** Poverty is not a shame, but the being ashamed of it, is. **6.** Poverty is a state of being helpless to help the helpless! **7.** No man should praise poverty, but he who is poor. **8.** Poverty is no disgrace, just so it isn't filthy.

Power: 1. All power is a compound of time and patience. **2.** Power acquired by guilt was never used for a good purpose. - Latin **3.** He, who has great power, should use it lightly. - Seneca

Practice: 1. Practice makes perfect even when we are practicing a bad habit. **2.** Practice well, if you would excel. **3.** The more you practice what you know, the more you shall know what to practice.

Praise: 1. The highest praise for a man is to give him responsibility. **2.** Praise the wise man behind his back, but a woman to her face. **3.** Many men know how to flatter, few know how to praise. **4.** He, who praises everybody, praises nobody. **5.** Self-praise is no recommendation. **6.** A bit of praise goes far in giving confidence. **7.** It is the honest man who is hurt by praise unjustly bestowed.

Prayer: 1. Pray devoutly, but continue to hammer stoutly. **2.** There is a vast difference between saying prayers and praying. **3.** Prayers go up and blessings come down. **4.** Don't pray for lighter burdens, but for stronger backs. **5.** If you pray for another, you will be helped yourself. - Yiddish

Preacher: **1.** There are many preachers who don't hear themselves. **2.** Too many sermons are hung on texts like hats on a hat tree. **3.** It often requires more courage to preach to one than to a thousand.

Precaution: **1.** A danger foreseen, is half avoided. **2.** The stitch is lost unless the thread be knotted.

Precedent: **1.** It is equally as well to create good precedents as to follow them. - Francis Bacon **2.** A precedent embalms a principle. - Benjamin Disraeli

Precocity: **1.** What ripens fast, does not last. **2.** He dies before he is old who is wise before his day.

Prediction: He, who wishes to know what shall be, must consider what has been.

Prejudice: **1.** Prejudice is the reason of fools. **2.** No prejudice has been able to prove its case in the court of reason. **3.** Men are blind in their own cause. **4.** It is never too late to give up our prejudices.

Premature: **1.** Never ask for a pardon before you are accused. **2.** Don't celebrate a holiday before it arrives.

Preoccupation: Those, that cannot see the things that are, are often looking for things that aren't.

Preparation: **1.** One, who is not prepared today, will be less so tomorrow. **2.** Prepare today for tomorrow and forget about yesterday. - Martin Vanbee

Preparedness: **1.** When you are thirsty it's too late to think about digging a well. **2.** Prepare, instead of repair. **3.** A man that is prepared, has half won the battle. - Spanish

Present: **1.** A person is present wherever his presence is felt. **2.** Children have neither past nor future; they enjoy the present, which very few of us do. - James Abram Garfield **3.** The acts of today become the precedents of tomorrow.

Press: **1.** Fools battle with the press; they have tons of paper and gallons and gallons of ink. **2.** Three hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets. - Napoleon Bonaparte

Pretense: **1.** Intentions which die, are pretensions which lie. **2.** A stuffed shirt is usually all front.

Prevention: **1.** It is better to keep a friend from falling than to help him up. **2.** Hindsight explains the injury that foresight would have prevented.

Price: **1.** The highest price a man can pay for a thing is to ask for it. **2.** What costs little, is valued less. - Spanish

Pride: **1.** Pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes. **2.** Pride may lurk under a threadbare cloak. **3.** When a proud man hears another praised, he thinks himself injured. **4.** No one with a good catch of fish goes home by way of the back alley. **5.** Most people spend money they don't have to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like. - Will Rogers

Priest: Every man is a priest in his own house.

Problem: **1.** The important thing about a problem is not its solution, but the strength we gain in finding the solution. **2.** People are always trying to solve other people's problems and the world is full of wrong answers.

Procrastinate: **1.** He, who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything. **2.** Life is made up of little things. **3.** One of these days is none of these days. **4.** Many things can be done in a day if you don't always make that day tomorrow. **5.** Only two things come to him who waits: whiskers and bills.

Profit: Small profits and often, are better than large profits and seldom. - German

Profundity: Where the river is deepest, it makes the least noise.

Progress: **1.** The human mind always makes progress, but it is a progress in spirals. **2.** In our age of rapid advance, you have to run like mad to keep ourselves from standing still. **3.** Progress begins with getting a clear view of the obstacles. **4.** The best way to get from a lower position to a higher one is to be conspicuously efficient in the lower one. **5.** He, who moves not forward, goes backward. - German

Prohibition: **1.** Stolen sweets are best. **2.** Things forbidden have a secret charm.

Prominence: If you want a place in the sun, you've got to expect a few blisters.

Promise: **1.** A promise is a debt. **2.** When a man repeats a promise again and again, he means to fail you. **3.** Promises and pie-crusts are made to be broken. **4.** The righteous promise little and perform much; the wicked promise much and perform not even a little. - Hebrew

Promotion: **1.** People, who get down to brass tacks, usually rise rapidly. **2.** The greater part of promotion is motion. - Ruth Smeltzer

Proof: **1.** The proof of the pudding is in the eating. **2.** What is now proved was once only imagined.

Property: **1.** He who feeds the hen ought to have the egg. **2.** Property assures what toil acquires.

Prophecy: He is the best diviner who conjectures well. - Greek

Propose: Man proposes, God disposes. - Latin

Prosperity: **1.** The prosperous man is never sure that he is loved for himself. **2.** Life's heaviest burden is to have nothing to bear. **3.** In prosperity we need moderation; in adversity, patience. **4.** Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity greater. **5.** Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them. **6.** We are corrupted by prosperity.

Proverb: **1.** A proverb never lies; it is only its meaning which deceives. **2.** A proverb is the horse of conversation; when the conversation lags, a proverb revives it. **3.** Proverbs are the daughters of experience. **4.** A short sentence based on long experience. **5.** A proverb is one man's wit and all men's wisdom. - Lord John Russell

Providence: **1.** There is a special providence in the fall of a sparrow. **2.** Providence cares for hungry mouths.

Provisions: **1.** Lay up for a rainy day. **2.** When the sky is clear, carry an umbrella; though your stomach is full, carry provisions.

Prudence: I'd rather have them say "There he goes" than "Here he lies." - American

Prying: He, who is viewed as one who is always prying, leads a dangerous life. - Spanish

Pun: He, who makes a pun, picks a pocket.

Punctuality: 1. Happy is the man who is always early - if he can stand his loneliness. **2.** The trouble with being punctual is that there's seldom anybody there to appreciate it.

Punishment: **1.** It is a cruelty to the innocent not to punish the guilty. **2.** Who punishes one, threatens a hundred. - French **3.** The power of punishment is to silence, not to confuse. -Samuel Johnson

Purchasing: When you go out to buy, don't show your silver.

Purity: The stream is always pure at its source.

Purpose: 1. He will go far, who knows from the first whither he is going. **2.** Pursue worthy aims. - Greek

Purse: A full purse never lacks friends.

Quality: Things, that have a common quality, ever quickly seek their kind. - Marcus Aurelius

Quarrel: 1. A chip on the shoulder indicates there is wood higher up. **2.** Quarrels end, but words once spoken never die. **3.** In a quarrel, one leaves the door open for a reconciliation. -Yiddish

Quest: The fun is in the search, not the finding.

Question: **1.** Never answer a question until it is asked. **2.** The man, who is afraid of asking, is ashamed of learning. - Danish **3.** Hard questions must have hard answers. - Greek

Quid pro quo: When somebody gets something for nothing, somebody else usually gets nothing for something.

Quietness: **1.** Quietness is worth buying. **2.** Quiet streams tear away the shores.

Quit: He quits his place well who leaves his friend there.

Quotation: I quote others only the better to express myself. - Michel de Montaigne

Race: **1.** The race is got by running. **2.** No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem. - Booker T. Washington

Radicalism: The conservatism of tomorrow injected into the affairs of today. - Ambrose Bierce

Rage: Rage is a brief insanity. - Latin

Rags: Better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery.

Rain: **1.** To meet an old friend in a distant land is like a refreshing rain after a long drought. **2.** When it rains, it rains on all alike.

Rashness: A rash man provokes trouble, but is no match for it when it comes. - Chinese

Rat: Rats do not play tricks with kittens. - Spanish

Raven: He pardons ravens but storms at doves.

Reach: What you cannot reach you must not want.

Readiness: **1.** The day I did not sweep the house there came to it one I did not expect. **2.** Prepare in youth for your old age. - Yiddish

Reading: 1. Few are better than the books they read. **2.** We learn six percent of what we hear but eighty-six percent of all we learn; we learn from what we read. **3.** The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them. **4.** Tell me what you read and I will tell you what you are. **5.** I love to lose myself in other men's minds.

Ready: He, who is not ready today, will be less so tomorrow. - Latin

Reason 1. Nothing can be lasting when reason does not rule. 2. Reason lies between the spur and the bridle 3. Every man's reason is every man's oracle.

Reciprocity: 1. One nail drives out another. 2. If you do not strike back at him who hits you, there is no way for him to find out whether you also have hands.

Reckon. 1. Always count the cost. 2. The fairer the hostess, the fouler the reckoning.

Reconcilation Even in a quarrel, leave room for reconciliation. - Russian

Recreation: Time you have enjoyed wasting, is not considered wasted time.

Reed: Where there are reeds, there is water.

Reflection. The mirror always tells the truth, but the viewer interprets the reflection to suit himself.

Reform: 1. To innovate is not to reform. 2. Every generation needs regeneration. 3. In our haste to deal with the things which are wrong, let us not upset the things which are right. 4. Every reform movement has a lunatic fringe. - Theodore Roosevelt

Refusal: **1.** Man counts what he has refused, not what he has given. **2.** He, who refuses nothing, will soon have nothing to refuse. - Latin

Regret: **1.** Regret is insight that comes a day too late. **2.** No man is rich enough to buy back his past.

Relative: You recognize your relatives when they get rich. -Yiddish

Religion: **1.** To you, your religion; and to me, mine. **2.** One of the aims of religion is to encourage us to live the way we say we believe. **3.** Religion is a journey, not a destination.

Remedy: **1.** If you have no cold, you need not fear to eat the watermelon. **2.** He destroys his health by the pains he takes to preserve it. -Virgil

Remember: We have all forgotten more than we remember.

Remorse: Remorse begets reform.

Remove: Plants oft removed, never thrive.

Repair: He who does not repair a gutter has a whole house to repair. - Spanish

Repentence: **1.** For making a man repent his sins, there's nothing quite so convincing as catching him. **2.** Repentence is good, but innocence better. **3.** It is never too late to repent. **4.** He, who repents his sins, is almost innocent.

Repercussion: One must not teach archery lest he become the target.

Repose: Only in the grave, is there rest. - Yiddish

Reproach: The sting of a reproach is the truth of it.

Reproof: Reprove others but correct yourself.

Reputation: **1.** Every tub smells of the wine it holds. **2.** The reputation of a man is like his shadow: it sometimes follows and sometimes precedes him; it is sometimes longer and sometimes shorter than his natural size. **3.** Your reputation is the outcome of what you do; your character is determined by what you think.

Resignation: Take no sorrow of the thing lost which may not be recovered. - Greek

Resolution: **1.** He, who resolves suddenly, repents at leisure. **2.** Be resolved, and the thing is done.

Respectability: The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is. - George Bernard Shaw

Responsibility: **1.** Authority can be delegated; responsiblity cannot. **2.** That which is everybody's business is nobody's business.**3.** He, who lets the goat be laid on his shoulders, is soon after forced to carry the cow. - Italian

Rest: **1.** The fertile field becomes sterile without rest. **2.** Too much rest itself becomes a pain. - Greek

Restless: Restless feet may walk into a snake pit.

Results: In everything, consider the end. - French

Retribution: **1.** He, who pelts every barking dog, must pick up many stones. **2.** The reward of good and evil is like the shadow following the substance. **3.** He, who plants thorns, must never expect to gather roses. - Arabian

Revenge: **1.** Neglect will sooner kill an injury than revenge. **2.** The longest odds in the world are those against getting even.

Revolution: **1.** Every revolution was first a thought in one man's mind. **2.** Repression is the seed of revolution.

Reward: 1. Service without reward is punishment. **2.** The day is always his who worked in it with serenity and great aims. - Ralph Waldo Emerson **3.** The reward of a thing rightly done is to have done it. - Latin

Riches: 1. Riches are gotten with pain, kept with care, and lost with grief. **2.** To gain wealth is easy; to keep it, hard. **3.** The richest man carries nothing away with him but his shroud. - French **4.** Riches serve wise men, but command a fool. - French

Ride: **1.** If two men ride a horse, one must ride behind. **2.** Better badly mounted than proud on foot.

Ridicule: **1.** Ridicule is the test of truth. **2.** There are few who would not rather be hated than laughed at. **3.** The fear of ridicule causes our worst cowardice.

Right: **1.** Excess of right is not wrong. **2.** There is no right to do a wrong thing. **3.** A fool must now and then be right, by chance. - William Cowper

Righteousness: A good way to widen out the narrow path would be for more people to walk on it.

Ripe: Soon ripe, soon rotten. - Latin

Rising: The early bird gets the late one's breakfast.

Risks: If the profits are great, the risks are great.

Rival: **1.** The best way to kill off a rival is to make him a friend. **2.** A person is truly great when he is not envious of his rival's success. **3.** He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals. - Benjamin Franklin

Rivers: **1.** Rivers and mountains may easily change, but human nature is changed with difficulty. **2.** One needs only to follow the river to get to the sea.

Road: **1.** Where there is a cart ahead there is a track behind. **2.** There is no high road to happiness or misfortune; every man brings them on himself.

Rogue: It is easier to fill a rogue's belly than his eyes. - Danish

Romance: **1.** Sometimes the law of gravity doesn't work; for instance, it's easier to pick up a girl than it is to drop her. **2.** Old flames seem to burn forever.

Rope: The rope breaks where it is thinnest.

Rose: No rose is without a thorn.

Rotten: It is the rotten limb that must be lopped.

Rubbish: Rubbish is only matter out of place.

Rudeness: **1.** Three of the rudest people in the world are: a young fellow making fun of an old man, a strong person jeering at an invalid, a wise man mocking a fool. **2.** Rudeness is a weak man's imitation of strength.

Ruin: **1.** The ruin of a nation begins in the homes of its people. **2.** Going to ruin is silent work. **3.** The road to ruin is always kept in good repair.

Ruler: He, who is to be a good ruler, must first have been ruled. - Greek

Rumor: **1.** A mind conscious of innocence laughs at the lies of rumor. **2.** Rumor is a great traveler. **3.** A groundless rumor often covers a lot of ground. **4.** In times of calamity any rumor is believed.

Run: **1.** He, who runs in the dark, may well stumble. **2.** It is not enough to run: one must start on time.

Rust: **1.** Better to wear out than to rust out. **2.** If I rest, I rust. - Martin Luther

Sack: Bind the sack before it be full.

Sacrifice: Not even for the highest principles, has anyone the right to sacrifice others than himself.

Saddle: 1. Always remember, put the saddle on the right horse. **2.** A saddle fits more backs than one.

Safety: 1. He is safe from danger, who is on guard even when safe. **2.** The way to be safe is never feel secure.

Sailing: Being in a ship is like being in a jail, with the chance of being drowned.

Sailing: You shift your sail with the wind. - Italian

Saint: They are not all saints who use holy water.

Salesmanship: **1.** The object of a salesman is not to make sales, but to make customers. **2.** It takes less effort to keep an old customer satisfied, than to get a new customer interested.

Salt: **1.** A dry finger cannot take up salt. **2.** Spilt salt is never all gathered.

Salvation: **1.**The fearless man is his own salvation. **2.** The knowledge of sin is surely the beginning of salvation.

Sauce: You spoil a good dish with ill sauce.

Saving: What you save is like something found.

Scab: A scab is a scab, even if you smear honey on it. - Yiddish

Scale: Just scales and full measure injure no man.

Scandal: **1.** Scandal and failure make news - only success makes history. **2.** That which passes out of one mouth, passes into a hundred ears. **3.** There is nothing that can't be made worse by telling. - Latin

Scar: He, who jests at scars, is one that never felt a
wound. - William Shakespeare

Scholar: 1. The scholar, who cherishes the love of comfort, is not fit to be deemed a scholar. **2.** The ink of the scholar is more sacred than the blood of the martyr.

Science: **1.** Science could never be as frightening as ignorance. **2.** Science does not know its debt to imagination. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Scoop: One scoops with a scoop.

Scorn: 1. We scorn many things in order not to scorn ourselves. **2.** Better a little chiding than a great deal of heartbreak. - William Shakespeare

Scratching: Scratching begins with pleasure and ends with pain. - Thomas Fuller

Sea: **1.** Ten thousand rivers flow into the sea, but the sea is never full. **2.** The sea doth wash away all human ills. - Euripides

Secret: **1.** Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead. **2.** The sun discovers the filth under the white snow. **3.** If you don't want anyone to know it, don't do it. **4.** If you wish another to keep your secret, first keep it yourself. - Latin

Security: **1.** Most precious things are never secure. **2.** Security without freedom, is worse than insecurity. - Irving M. Ives

See: One is bound not to see more than he can.

Seek: Seek till you find.

Selectivity: Who gives to all, denies all.

Self: What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Self-appraisal: Before a man can wake up and find himself famous, he must first wake up and find himself.

Self-assurance: Believe in yourself and what others think won't disturb you.

Self-centeredness: Self-centeredness is seen as the beginning of all disorder. - Blaise Pascal

Self-confidence: **1.** He who knows very little is confident in everything. **2.** Let every man's hope be in himself. - Latin

Self-control: **1.** The man who loses his head is usually the last one to miss it. **2.** Keep yourself within yourself. - William Shakespeare

Self-delusion: No man ever got himself out of trouble until he first admitted he was there.

Self-depreciation: He, who is seen as making of himself a sheep, will be eaten by the wolves.

Self-discipline: He overcomes a strong enemy who overcomes his own anger.

Self-education: He, who teaches himself, has a fool for a master.

Self-esteem: **1.** The minute you get the idea you're indispensable, you aren't. **2.** We talk little, if we do not talk about ourselves. - William Hazlitt

Self-improvement: Sweep first before your own door, before you sweep your neighbor's.

Self-interest: If I am not for myself, who will be for me.

Selfishness: **1.** No one has less to live for than one who lives only for himself. **2.** Men are not against you; they are merely for themselves. - Henry W. Fowler

Self-judgment: He, who will have no judge but himself, condemns himself.

Self-knowledge: 1. What you think of yourself is much more important than what others think of you. **2.** To know oneself, one should assert oneself. - Albert Camus

Self-love: 1. He, who falls in love with himself, will have no rivals. **2.** Self-love is the greatest of all flatterers. - La Rochefoucauld **3.** To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance. - Oscar Wilde

Self-pity: Self-pity is selfishness.

Self-praise: **1.** I always like to hear a man talk about himself because then I never hear anything but good. **2.** Self-praise is no recommendation. - Latin

Self-reliance: **1.** If you lean on others, expect to suffer lean years. **2.** Every tub must stand upon its own bottom. - John Bunyan **3.** Cut your own wood and it will warm you twice. - Chinese

Self-respect: Self-respect is the secure feeling that no one, as yet, is suspicious.

Self-restraint: The person that always says just what he thinks, at last, gets just what he deserves.

Self-sacrifice: Self-preservation is the first law of nature, but self-sacrifice is the highest rule of grace.

Sense: **1.** A rabbit's foot is a poor substitute for horse sense. **2.** Common sense is not so common.

Sentimentality: **1.** Sentimentality is viewed by many as unearned emotion. **2.** The barrenest of all mortals is the sentamentalist. - Thomas Carlyle

Sentiments: An emotion that masters reason.

Sermon: The sermon you enjoy most is not likely to be the one that will do you the most good.

Servants: **1.** Clever men are often the servants of fools. **2.** If you pay not a servant his wages, he will pay himself.

Service: **1.** Service without reward is punishment. **2.** They also serve who only stand and wait. **3.** No man, no matter what may be his background, can rise to the stature of spiritual manhood who has not found it nobler to serve somebody else than to serve himself.

Shame: **1.** Not to be ashamed of sin is to sin double. **2.** None but the shamefaced lose. **3.** Shame may restrain what law does not prohibit. - Seneca

Sharing: **1.** When someone shares his fears with you, share your courage with him. **2.** We cannot share what we do not have. **3.** About the only two things a child will share willingly are communicable diseases and his mother's age. - Wall Street Journal

Shave: A bald head is soon shaved.

Sheep: **1.** The dust raised by the sheep does not choke the wolf. **2.** The sheep do not bite the wolf.

Sheltered: The house roof fights the rain, but he, who is sheltered, ignores it.

Shepherd: A shepherd does not strike his sheep.

Ship: Too many pilots wreck the ship.

Shoe: **1.** It is he that makes the shoes who goes barefoot himself. - Robert Burton **2.** You cannot put the same shoe on every foot. - Latin

Shoehorn: An instrument that only plays foot notes.

Shoot: He is a bad shot who cannot find an excuse. - German

Shop: A man without a smiling face should not open a shop.

Shrouds: Shrouds are made without pockets.

Sickness: **1.** Sickness comes on horseback, but goes out on foot. **2.** The chamber of sickness is the chapel of devotion. **3.** It is the purse of the patient that protracts his cure. **4.** He who is sick hates everyone. - Absehsera **5.** Sickness shows us what we are. - Latin **6.** In time of sickness the soul collects itself anew. - Latin

Sigh: **1.** Had sighed to many, though he loved but one. - Lord Byron **2.** Sighs are the natural language of the heart. - Thomas Shadwell

Sight: **1.** We see things not as they are, but as we are. **2.** The sight of you is good for sore eyes.

Silence: 1. It does not mean that a man has lost an argument when he is silent; he may be silent because he has won. **2.** Too many things that go without saying aren't left unsaid. **3.** Dignified silence is better than dignified speech. **4.** He is not a fool who knows when to hold his tongue. **5**. Beware of a man that does not talk and a dog that does not bark. **6.** He, who is silent, does not say nothing. **7.** Don't talk unless you can improve on silence. **8.** He knew the precise psychological moment when to say nothing. - Oscar Wilde

Similarity: **1.** No two people are alike and they are both glad of it. **2.** We know that no two children are alike, especially if one is yours and the other isn't.

Simplicity: **1.** Nature hangs out a sign of simplicity in the face of a fool. **2.** Simplicity is an essential characteristic of greatness. **3.** Simplicity is one of the natural results of profound thought. - William Hazlitt

Sin: 1. Every man will carry the bundle of his sins upon his own back. **2.** A sin, even if committed by many, remains a sin. **3.** There is a sin of omission as well as of commission. **4.** If not for the fear of punishment, it would be sweet to sin. **5.** The ultimate proof of the sinner is that he does not recognize his own sin. - Martin Luther

Sincerity: **1.** Sincerity and truth form the basis of every virtue. **2.** Sincerity gives wings to power. **3.** Of a compliment, only a third is meant. - Welsh

Sing: **1.** Each bird loves to hear itself sing. **2.** Some sing who are not merry. - Italian

Sit: **1.** He sits not sure who sits too high. **2.** Sit on your thumb till more do come.

Size: To a mouse, a cat is a lion.

Skepticism: **1.** Skepticism can easily become the most fraudulant of all dogmatisms. **2.** Skepticism is believing almost nothing and being on your guard against almost everything. - Latin **3.** Skepticism is the spirit that always denies. - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Skill: **1.** Try your skill in gilt first, then in gold. - English **2.** Skill is stronger than strength. - French

Sky: **1.** He who sits in a well to look at the sky can see but little. **2.** If the sky falls, we shall catch larks.

Slander: **1.** Mud thrown is ground lost. **2.** Slander cannot destroy an honest man...when the flood recedes the rock is there. **3.** He who blackens others, does not whiten himself. - German

Slavery: 1. The freedom of slaves is measured by the length of their chains. **2.** He that is one man's slave, is free from none. **3.** A great fortune is a great slavery. **4.** Retain a free mind, though a slave, and slave thou shalt not be. - Greek

Sleep: **1.** Sleep, is a cousin to death. **2.** A man is not always asleep when his eyes are shut. **3.** Sleep is a priceless treasure; the more one has of it the better it is. - Chinese

Slow: The slower you go, the quicker you'll get there. -Yiddish

Small: **1.** Little pots soon boil over. **2.** A small coin in a big jar makes a great noise. - Hebrew

Smile: The smile that lights the face, will also warm the heart.

Smoke: Secret fire is discerned by its smoke.

Snake: **1.** A man whose heart is not content is like a snake which tries to swallow an elephant. **2.** When you see a snake, never mind where he came from.

Society: Man seeketh in society, comfort, use, and protection. - Francis Bacon

Soldier: **1.** Soldiers in peace are like chimneys in summer. **2.** A good soldier talks of success, not of failure. - Greek

Solitude: **1.** The worst solitude is to have no real friendships. **2.** They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts. **3.** The strongest man in the world is he who stands alone. - Henrik Ibsen **4.** I am never less alone than when alone. - Latin

Son: 1. To raise a son without learning is raising an ass; to raise a daughter without learning is raising a pig. **2.** Brainless sons boast of their ancestors.

Song: 1. A good song is not the worse for being sung twice. **2.** Lips only sing when they cannot kiss.

Soon: Soon enough, if well enough. - Latin

Sophistication: The trusted weapon of defense against ridicule. - Rufus E. Miles

Sore: There is a salve for every sore.

Sorrow: 1. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. **2.** Sorrows remembered, sweeten present joy. **3.** Sorrow is like a precious treasure, shown only to friends. **4.** The longest sorrow finds at last relief.

Soul: **1.** The soul is not where it lives, but where it loves. **2.** I am the captain of my soul. **3.** Give me beauty in the inward soul. - Socrates

Source: The stream cannot rise above its source.

Sow: **1.** If you sow, things will grow. **2.** Who sows thorns, should not go barefoot. - French

Spare: Better spared than ill spent.

Spark: A spark will set a whole city on fire.

Sparrow: Sparrows should not dance with cranes; their legs are too short. - Danish

Speech: **1.** Discretion of speech, is more than eloquence. **2.** He that speaks much, is much mistaken. **3.** What some public speakers lack in depth, they give you in length. **4.** Applause at the beginning of an address is faith, during the address is hope, and at the end is charity. **5.** Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact. - George Eliot **6.** Speech, both conceals and reveals the thoughts of men. - Latin **7.** Never rise to speak till you have something to say, and when you have said it, cease. - John Witherspoon

Speed: Speed is only good for catching flies.

Spending: 1. He who spends before he thrives, will bed before he dies. **2.** Through not spending, enough we spend too much. - Spanish

Spirits: Evil deeds done in secret are seen by the spirits as a flash of fire.

Spit: Spit not in the well whose water you may have to drink.

Spite: There is no spite like that of a proud beggar.

Sport: Sport is at its sweetest, when there are no spectators.

Sportmanship: Everybody likes a good loser - provided it is the other team.

Spot: 1. A spot is most seen on the finest cloth.

Spring: 1. Don't waste days in idleness; the bright spring will not come this way again. **2.** Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.

Stability: 1. Trees that are too often transplanted, seldom prosper. **2.** When you have both feet on the ground, you don't have far to fall. **3.** Stability is more essential to success than brilliance.- John Paul Jones

Stand: Who moves, picks up; who stands, dries up. - Italian

Stars: 1. The light of a hundred stars does not equal the light of the moon. **2.** The stars above us govern our conditions. - William Shakespeare

State: What belongs to the state belongs to nobody.

Statesmanship: Politics is the art of getting along with people, whereas statesmanship is the art of getting along with politicians.

Stature: Men never add to their stature by treading on the toes of others.

Steal: 1. It is he who steals once who is always a thief. **2.** Don't steal, if you can't conceal.

Stick: A straight stick is crooked in the water.

Stinginess: 1. He would skin a mouse, and send the hide to market. **2.** A rich man, who is stingy, is the worst pauper. - Yiddish

Stone: 1. The stone that sits in the water does not know how hot the hill is - parched by the sun. **2.** When the stone leaves the hand, it belongs to the devil.

Stoop: He, who will not stoop for a pin, will never be worth a point.

Stop: One must know when to stop. - French

Storm: 1. The more violent the storm, the sooner it is over. **2.** A good pilot is best tried in a storm.

Straddling: 1. Straddling an issue is like straddling the middle of the road. **2.** You are likely to be hit from both sides.

Straight: 1. Those who walk straight, are certain not to stumble. **2.** The straight, can't become straighter.

Strangeness: If you see a strange thing and do not regard it as strange, its strangeness will vanish.

Stranger: 1. Everyone is ready to speak evil of a stranger. **2.** A friend I have not yet met.

Strength: 1. People do not lack strenth; they lack will. **2.** God gives the shoulder according to the burden. - German **3.** He, who has great strength, should use it lightly. - Latin **4.** Brute strength without reason falls of its own weight. - Latin

Stretch: Stretch your arms no further than your sleeves will reach.

Strike: 1. Many strokes fell great oaks. **2.** Strike the cold stone, and a hot spark will fly out. - Yiddish

Stubbornness: 1. The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinions. **2.** For the disease of stubbornness there is no cure. **3.** A stubborn man doesn't hold opinions - they hold him.

Study: 1. One evening's conversation with a superior man is better than ten years of study. **2.** I would live to study, and not study to live.

Stupid: He is not only dull himself, but the cause of dullness in others.

Stupidity: 1. Platitudes ought be recognized as the Sundays of stupidity. **2.** The more stupid, the happier. **3.** Genius has its limitations; stupidity is boundless.

Stumbling: 1. Better stumble once than be always tottering. **2.** A stumble may prevent a fall.

Style: 1. All styles are good, except the boring kind. **2.** Proper words in proper places. - Jonathan Swift

Submission: Submission to one wrong brings on another. - Latin

Success: **1.** The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work. **2.** If it is your wish to succeed, consult three old people. **3.** The ladder of success must be set upon something solid before you can start to climb. **4.** Nothing is so impudent as success.

Suffering: **1.** When a king makes a mistake, all the people suffer. **2.** He who fears to suffer, suffers from fear. **3.** Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn. - Robert Burns **4.** He, who suffers much, will know much. - Greek

Suicide: **1.** He dies twice who perishes by his own hand. - Latin **2.** There is but one entrance into life, but many exits. - Latin **3.** The coward sneaks to death; the brave live on. - Jonathan Mitchell Sewell **4.** Happy men have the power to die. - Alfred Lord Tennyson

Summer: **1.** All the live murmur of a summer's day. **2.** Summer is the mother of the poor.

Sun: **1.** You can't cut off the sunlight with one hand. **2.** Blame yourself, if you have no branches; don't accuse the sun of partiality. **3.** When the sunset is highest, it casts the least shadow. **4.** The sun is my almighty physician. - Thomas Jefferson

Sundial: An inch of gold will not buy an inch of time.

Superficiality: A whitewashed crow soon shows black again. - Chinese

Superiority: A person who talks about his inferiors hasn't any.

Superstition: Superstition poisons and destroys all peace of mind. - Latin

Support: **1.** Water can both support and upset a ship. **2.** How can one beam support a house?

Suspense: Suspense is generally worse than the ordeal itself.

Surrender: One, who will not surrender, cannot be permanently overcome.

Suspicion: **1.** Suspicion is a mental picture seen through an imaginary keyhole. **2.** Suspicion is about the only thing that can feed on itself and grow larger all the while. **3.** When you buy a vase cheap, look for the flaw; when man offers favors, one should look for the motive.

Swear: To swear is unbecoming to a man of sense.

Sweep: When the house is swept, what was lost, is found. - Yiddish

Sweet: Things sweet to the taste prove in digestion sour. - William Shakespeare

Swim: **1.** It's a good idea to begin at the bottom, except when learning to swim. **2.** The best swimmers are the oftenest drowned.

Sword: **1.** A man without determination is but an untempered sword. **2.** He, who has the longest sword, is always thought to be in the right.

Sympathize: **1.** Rejoice not in another's sorrow.

Sympathy: **1.** No man limps because another is hurt. **2.** Sympathy, without relief, is like mustard without beef. **3.** When your tooth aches, you know how to sympathize with one who has a toothache.

System: A place for everything and everything in its place.

Table-turning: Woe be to him whose advocate becomes his accuser.

Tact: **1.** Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy. **2.** Blunt people make the most pointed remarks. **3.** A foolish man tells a woman to stop talking, but a wise man tells her that her mouth is extremely beautiful when her lips are closed.

Tailor: 1. The tailor that makes not a knot loseth a stitch. **2.** There is little to sew where tailors are true.

Tale: 1. A tale never loses in the telling. **2.** The tale runs as it pleases the teller.

Talent: 1. Great talents have some admirers, but few friends. **2.** Often the greatest talents lie unseen.

Talk: 1. Those who have nothing to say generally take the longest to say it. **2.** He, who talks much, is sometimes right. **3.** Words are the dress of thought. **4.** Never speak unless you can improve on silence. **5.** Foolish tongues talk by the dozens. **6.** Many a door is closed to an open mouth. - Howard W. Newton

Tardiness: 1. He, who always thinks it is too soon, is sure to come too late. **2.** Who rises late must trot all day.

Task: No unwelcome tasks become any the less unwelcome by putting them off till tomorrow.

Taste: 1. A divided orange tastes just as good as a whole one. **2.** Good taste is the flower of good sense.

Tattler: The tattler's tongue is always dancing a silly jig.

Taxes: **1.** Those, who are prospering, do not argue about taxes. **2.** The reward for saving your money is being able to pay your taxes without borrowing.

Taxation: Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation.

Teaching: **1.** Teaching should be full of ideas, not stuffed with facts. **2.** To know how to suggest is the art of teaching. **3.** Your teacher can lead you to the door; the acquiring of learning rests with each person. **4.** Who teaches me for a day is my father for a lifetime. - Chinese

Tears: **1.** The busy have no time for tears. **2.** Two barrels of tears will not heal a bruise. **3.** Everyone can master a grief but he who has it. **4.** Tears are the silent language of grief. - French

Teeth: There is to be no ease for the mouth with an aching tooth.

Telephone: The man who said one half of the world does not know how the other half lives never was on a a rural phone line!

Temper: He, who loses his head, is usually the last one to miss it.

Temple: The truest temples are fixed in the heart.

Temptation: **1.** The less the temptation the greater the sin. **2.** Every moment of resistence to temptation is a victory. **3.** He, who avoids the temptation, avoids the sin. -Spanish

Termite: **1.** A termite can do nothing to a stone cave save lick it. **2.** Termites live underground.

Thanks: You can't put thanks into your pocket.

Theater: Those, who have free seats at the play, hiss first.

Theory: Theory may raise a man's hopes, but practice raises his income.

Thief: **1.** All are not thieves that dogs bark at. **2.** A thief passes for a gentleman, when stealing has made him rich. **3.** A thief is always under suspicion.

Thirst: **1.** Who has no thirst, has no business at the fountain. **2.** The thirsty drink in silence. - Greek

Thought: **1.** If men would think more, they would act less. **2.** Thought breaks the heart. **3.** The profound thinker always suspects that he may be superficial. - Benjamin Disraeli **4.** Think much, speak little, and write less. - French

Thread: Who holds the thread holds the ball. - French

Threat: **1.** He is a fool that clenches or makes a wedge of his fist. **2.** Many a man threatens while he quakes with fear. **3.** He threatens many who injures one. **4.** The proverb says that threatened men live long. - Charles Dickens

Three: What three know, everybody knows.

Thrift: **1.** The best thing to save for your old age is yourself. **2.** Though you live near a forest, do not waste firewood. **3.** Through not spending enough, we spend too much. **4.** The back door robs the house.Thrift is good revenue. **5.** It's easier to spend an allowance than to make one.

Thunder: **1.** Thunder is not yet rain. **2.** The thunder roars loudly, but little rain falls.

Tide: The tide turns at low water as well as at high.

Tiger: **1.** He, who rides the tiger, finds it difficult to dismount. **2.** Shun the companionship of the tiger.

Timber: If the main timbers in the house are not straight, the smaller timbers will be unsafe; and if the smaller timbers are not straight, the house will fall.

Time: **1.** A little time is enough to hatch a great mischief. **2.** The best way to kill time is to work it to death. **3.** Those, who are happy, do not observe how time goes by. **4.** Naught treads so silent as the foot of time. **5.** If you spend most of the time dreaming of tomorrow and regretting yesterday, you won't find a great deal of time left for doing anything today. **6.** An inch of gold will not buy an inch of time.Time is capital. **7.** Invest it wisely.Time makes people older, not wiser. **8.** Time is a river of passing events - a rushing torrent. **9.** All the treasures of earth cannot bring back one lost moment. **10.** Every year it takes less time to fly across the ocean and longer to drive to the office. **11.** People who cannot find time for recreation are obliged sooner or later to find time for illness. - John Wanamaker

Timeliness: He, who does his turn in time, sits half idle.

Timidity: **1.** The timid see dangers which do not exist. **2.** If you permit everyone to walk over you, you become a carpet. - Bulgarian **3.** He, who begs timidly, invites refusal. - Seneca

Tired: Who does not tire, achieves. - Spanish

Title: Empty heads love long titles. - German

Toad: The toad likes water, but not when it's boiling.

Today: **1.** Seize today, trust tomorrow as little as possible. **2.** One today is worth two tomorrows.

Toil: He, who toils with pain, will eat with pleasure.

Tolerance: **1.** There are usually two sides to every question, because when there are no longer two sides, it ceases to be a question. **2.** Deal with the faults of others as gently as with your own. **3.** In human relations we too often forget the word human. **4.** Nothing deserves less tolerance, and usually gets it, than intolerance. **5.** A friend should bear his friend's infirmities. - William Shakespeare

Tomorrow: **1.** Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week. **2.** Prepare for a better tomorrow; learn something today. **3.** There is no one who has ever seen tomorrow.

Tongue: **1.** The tongue is like a sharp knife; it kills without drawing blood. **2.** Men are crushed to death under the tongue. **3.** Longue tongues will mean short friends. **4.** A wicked tongue is worse than an evil hand. - Yiddish

Tools: He that works without tools is twice tired.

Tooth: The toothless man envies those that can bite. - Latin

Trade: There are no foolish trades; there are only foolish people. - French

Traffic: **1.** If all the cars in America were placed end to end on a long hill, some fool would try to pass them. **2.** It's better to be last in the traffic lane than first in the funeral procession.

Travel: **1.** Traveling makes a man wiser, but less happy. **2.** He, who never leaves his country, is full of prejudices. - Italian

Treachery: **1.** The silence of a friend is sometimes treachery. **2.** Treachery lurks in honeyed words.

Treason: **1.** Treason is not inherited. **2.** No religion bids men to be traitors.

Treasure: **1.** Learning is a treasure which follows its owner everywhere. **2.** A well-known friend is a treasure.

Tree: **1.** Shake the tree when the fruit is ripe. **2.** If there is no wind, the trees don't move. **3.** A wise bird selects its tree.

Trial: Trials and temptations do not weaken us; but they do show us where we are weak, that we may become strong.

Trickery: Some people are so busy learning the tricks of the trade, that they don't have time to learn the trade.

Trickery: A trick is clever only once.

Trifle: **1.** The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. **2.** Great floods flow from simple sources. **3.** Light minds are often pleased with trifles. **4.** Small matters win great commendations. - Francis Bacon **5.** Trifles make perfection, but perfection itself is no trifle. - Michaelangelo

Trouble: **1.** One trouble with trouble is that it usually starts **2.** One trouble with trouble is that it usually starts out like fun. **3.** While in trouble, to be troubled is to have your trouble doubled. **4.** A man who wants to borrow trouble needs no collateral. **5.** He, who mischief hatcheth, mischief catcheth. - William Camden

Trust: **1.** Trust not a horse's heel, nor a dog's tooth. **2.** I sell nothing on trust until tomorrow. **3.** Trust him little who praises all, him less who censures all, and him least who is indifferent about all. - Johann Larater

Truth: **1.** Truth angers those whom it does not convince. **2.** The truth may walk around naked; the lie has to be clothed. **3.** An innocent truth can never stand in need of a guilty lie. **4.** No epigram contains the whole truth. **5.** The truth is in sight; the lie is behind the eyes. **6.** The truth has charm but it's shy. **7.** To fool the world, tell the truth. **8.** Individuals may perish, but truth is eternal. **9.** Better to suffer for the truth than to be rewarded for a lie. - Swedish **10.** When in doubt, tell the truth. - Mark Twain **11.** A half truth, is in truth, a whole lie. - Yiddish

Try: Try the ice before you venture on it.

Turnip: There is no getting blood out of a turnip.

Twig: As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.

Two: Two in distress make sorrow less.

Tyranny: **1.** It is when the law ends, that tyranny begins. **2.** There are few minds to which tyranny is not delightful. - Samuel Johnson **3**. Tyranny is a lovely eminence, but there is no way down from it. - Solon

Ugly: If all the world were ugly, deformity would be no monster.

Umbrella: One man's loss is another's umbrella.

Unafraid: Only the game fish swims up stream.

Unbelief: Unbelief is something of which the devils are not guilty.

Uncertainty: It is between the hand and the lip, that the morsel may slip.

Underlings: Underlings are worse than masters.

Understanding: **1.** In youth we learn; in age we understand. **2.** What we do not understand we do not possess. - Johann von Goethe

Unemployment: Unemployment takes the worry out of being late to work.

Unhappiness: Unhappiness is in not knowing what we want, and then proceeding to kill ourselves to get it.

Uniformity: Where all think alike, no one thinks very much. - Walter Lippman

Unity: **1.** Though the left hand conquer the right, no advantage is gained. **2.** The united spider's web binds the lion. **3.** Fuel alone will not light a fire. **4.** All power is feeble unless it is united. - Jean de La Fontaine

Universe: A grain of sand includes the universe.

University: A university is a place where pebbles are polished and diamonds are dimmed.

Unknown: 1. Everything unknown is often taken for magnificent. **2.** Not to know of me, argues yourself unknown. - John Milton

Unlucky: 1. If it rained soup, I'd have a fork instead of a spoon. **2.** He falls on his back and breaks his nose. - French

Untimely: Economy is too late at the bottom of the purse. - Latin

Unwelcome: **1.** As welcome as water into one's shoes. **2.** He threw my coat out the door, and I happened to be in it. - Yiddish

Uprightness: If you stand straight do not fear a crooked shadow. - Chinese

Use: What's in use wants no excuse. - Spanish

Usefulness: **1.** Greatness is a by-product of usefulness. **2.** Unless what we do is useful, glory is vain.

Uselessness: **1.** What is the use of running, when you are on the wrong road? **2.** He, who is of no use to himself, is of no use to anyone else. - Yiddish

Vacation: **1.** If you come home as happy as you leave, you have had a good vacation. **2.** It's pretty hard to take a vacation from doing nothing.

Vacuum: Nature abhors a vacuum. - Latin

Valley: He that stays in the valley shall never get over the hill.

Valor: 1. Valor not founded on prudence is rashness. **2.** Valor has its limits like the other virtues. **3.** The better part of valor is discretion.

Value: 1. Most folks pay too much for the things they get for nothing. **2.** Cheap things are of no value; valuable things are not cheap. **3.** A sense of values is the most important single element in human personality. **4.** What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly. **5.** Don't buy everything that's cheap.

Vanity: 1. Human vanity being what it is, most people consider themselves exceptions to the rules. **2.** Every man thinks his own geese are really swans.

Variety: Variety is sweet in all things. - Greek

Vengeance: **1.** The smallest vengeance poisons the soul. **2.** The noblest vengeance is to forgive.

Venture: **1.** Never venture out of your depth till you can swim. **2.** He, who ventures not, fails not. - French

Veracity: **1.** It is twice as hard to crush a half-truth as a whole lie. **2.** Liars begin by imposing upon others, but end by deceiving themselves.

Vessel: Do not look upon the vessel, but upon what it holds. - Hebrew

Vice: **1.** Never open the door to a little vice lest a greater one enter with it. **2.** False pleasures breed genuine pain. **3.** He, who plunges into vice, is like one who rolls from the top of a precipice.

Victor: He is twice a conqueror who can restrain himself in the hour of victory. - Latin

Victory: **1.** Victory and defeat are each the same price. **2.** The greatest conqueror is that one who has overcome his enemies without a single blow. **3.** The first and best victory is to conquer self; to be conquered by self is, of all things, the most shameful and vile. - Plato

Virtue: **1.** Virtue is always in a minority. **2.** He made a virtue of necessity. **3.** Virtue has no greater enemy than wealth. **4.** Virtue unites man with God. **5.** We are all born equal, and distinguished alone by virtue. **6.** No one person possesses all the virtues. - Yiddish

Vision: 1. Vision is the art of seeing things invisible. **2.** A task without a vision is drudgery.

Visit: Friendship increases not by visiting friends, but by visiting seldom.

Voice: A loud voice bespeaks a vulgar man.

Volunteering: We cannot live by ourselves alone.

Vote: Always vote for a principle, though you vote alone. - John Quincy Adams

Vow: Vows are made in storms and forgotten in calms.

Vulgar: **1.** A thing is not vulgar merely because it is common. **2.** An inadequate conception of the art of living. - Mandell Creighton **3.** Vulgarity is simply the conduct of other people. - Oscar Wilde

Wager: A wager is a fool's agrument.

Wages: **1.** The wages of sin are never frozen. **2.** He cannot lead a good life who serves without wages. - Italian

Wagon: The empty wagon must make way for the full one.

Waiting: 1. To one who waits, a moment seems a year. **2.** He, who can wait, obtains what he wishes.

Walk: It is solved by walking. - Latin

Wall: **1.** One family builds a wall, two families enjoy it. **2.** Friends should have a high wall between them.

Want: To have no wants is divine. - Socrates

War: **1.** Even the lion has to defend himself against flies. - German **2.** A great war leaves a country with three armies - an army of cripples, an army of mourners, and an army of thieves. - German **3.** War loves to seek its victims in the young. - Greek **4.** The clatter of arms drowns the voice of the law. - Michel de Montaigne

Warning: 1. Once warned, twice armed. **2.** The tempest threatens before it comes; houses creak before they fall.

Wash: 1. Wash your hands often, your feet seldom, your head never. **2.** Dirty linen should be washed at home. - French

Waste: 1. Willful waste brings woeful want. **2.** The waste of plenty is the resource of scarcity.

Watch: To him that watches, everything is revealed. - Italian

Water: **1.** When a thing is done, don't talk about it; it is difficult to gather up spilled water. **2.** Distant water cannot quench a fire nearby. **3.** Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep. **4.** Water, taken in moderation, cannot hurt anybody.

Weak: **1.** Weak things united become strong. **2.** In a just cause, the weak will overcome the strong. - Greek

Wealth: 1. A man's wealth is his enemy. **2.** A wealthy man will always have followers. **3.** Gold goes in any gate, except Heaven's. **4.** Wealth is not his who gets it, but his who enjoys it. **5.** If money be not thy servant, it will be thy master. **6.** If wealth can't bring happiness, it can often make misery a little more comfortable. **7.** A rich man, who is stingy, is the worst pauper. - Yiddish

Weapon: A weapon is an enemy, even to its owner.

Weather: 1. Change of weather is the discourse of fools. **2.** A foul morn may turn to a fine day.

Wedding: One wedding begets another.

Weed: No garden is without its weeds.

Weep: **1.** When the vulture dies, the hen does not weep. - German **2.** He, who weeps from the heart, can provoke even the blind to tears. - Russian

Weight: **1.** Great weights often hang on small wires. **2.** The first requisite of a good citizen is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight.

Welcome: **1.** Welcome is the very best dish in the kitchen. **2.** Who comes seldom is welcome.

Well: When the river is full, the well is full.

Wheel: **1.** The wheel that turns gathers no rust. **2.** A fifth wheel to a cart is but an encumbrance.

Whetstone: A whetstone can't cut, but it makes tools that can.

Whip: A whip is for the fool and the rod for the school.

Whisper: **1.** Generally, it is the whisperer who lies. **2.** The whisperer's tongue is often worse than the serpent's tooth. - Latin

White: A crow is never the whiter for washing herself often.

Why: Every "why," has its "because."

Wicked: **1.** A wicked man is afraid of his own memory. **2.** No man ever became wicked all at once.

Wife: **1.** He, who tells his wife news, is but newly married. **2.** The wife that loves the looking-glass hates the saucepan. **3.** All married women are not wives.

Wild: **1.** Every man must sow his wild oats. **2.** A wild goose never laid a tame egg.

Will: **1.** Will, without reason is blind, and will, against reason is mad. **2.** A man's will is his heaven. **3.** No one can rob us of our free will. - Epictetus

Willful: **1.** Willfulness is more terrible than slavery. **2.** A willful man had need be very wise.

Willingness: Those who wish to sing always find a song. - Swedish

Willow: Willows are weak yet serve to bind other wood. - Italian

Win: **1.** He plays best that wins. **2.** If you can't win, make the winner look good. - Charles M. Shultz

Wind: **1.** When there is wind in the clouds, there are waves on the river. **2 .** As the wind blows, seek your shelter. **3.** Soft grass follows the wind. **4.** Not every wind shakes down the nut. - Italian

Wine: **1.** If you don't drink, the price of wine is of no interest. **2.** When you have tea and wine, you have many friends.

Wink: A wink's as good as a nod.

Winter: **1.** Every mile is two in winter. **2.** Winter draws out what summer laid in.

Wisdom: **1.** A wise man may look ridiculous in the company of fools. **2.** If a beard were a sign of smartness, the goat would be a Socrates. **3.** Great men are not always wise. **4.** A wise man changes his mind, a fool never. **5.** Wisdom does not come overnight. **6.** A wise man conceals his intelligence; the fool displays his foolishness. **7.** By others' faults wise men correct their own. - Canadian

Wise: **1.** What's the good of being wise when foolishness serves? **2.** They only are wise who know that they know nothing. **3.** The wise learn many things from their foes. **4.** A wise man's loss is his secret.

Wish: **1.** Men easily believe what they wish to believe. **2.** Wishes won't wash dishes. **3.** I wish I knew the good of wishing.

Wit: **1.** Everyone is witty for his own purpose. **2.** Wit does not take the place of knowledge. **3.** Intellect on a spree.

Witch: They that burn you for a witch lose all their coals.

Witness: **1.** A madman and a fool are no witnesses. **2.** False folk should have many witnesses. **3.** He is one who swears to another liar's testimony. **4.** The witness of a rat is another rat.

Woe: **1.** Woe to the house where there is no chiding. **2.** Their causes are hidden, but our woes are clear. - Ovid

Wolf: **1.** Wolves lose their teeth but not their nature. **2.** An old wolf is not scared by loud cries. - Danish

Woman: **1.** The most praised woman is the one who is never spoken of. - French **2.** It is a sad house where the hen crows louder than the cock. - Italian **3.** Frailty, thy name is woman. - William Shakespeare **4.** A woman with a past has no future. - Oscar Wilde **5.** Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood. - Oscar Wilde

Wonder: **1.** Curiosity is endless, restless, and useless.**2.** Wonder is the daughter of ignorance. **3.** A wonder lasts but nine days. **3.** Wonder rather than doubt is the root of knowledge. - Abraham Johua Heschel **4.** Wonder is the only beginning of philosophy. - Plato **5.** Wonders are many, and none is more wonderful than Man. - Sophocles

Wood: **1.** Wood may remain ten years in the water, but it will never become a crocodile. **2.** Wood already touched by fire is not hard to set alight. **3.** Chop your own wood, and it will warm you twice.

Wool: Many go out for wool and come home shorn.

Words: **1.** An honest man's word is as good as his bond. **2.** Words are like water, once spilled, cannot be recovered. **3.** Words should be weighed, not counted. **4.** A round egg can be made square according to how you cut it; words would be harsh according to how you speak them.

Work: **1.** Every community has at least one poor soul who will do all the work if given a few chairmanships. **2.** He, who likes his work, to him work comes easy. **3.** Work is the yeast that raises the dough. **4.** The hardest way to make a living. **5.** If you must choose between getting a job done and getting credit for it, get it done. **6.** Overwork is hard; no work harder still. **7.** Work as though you will live a hundred years; think as though you will die tomorrow. **8.** The easiest way to get ahead isn't very. - Franklin P. Jones

Workman: **1.** Good workmen are seldom rich. **2.** A workman is known by his chips.

World: **1.** By improving yourself, the world is made better. **2.** The devil will promise you the whole world, but he doesn't own a grain of sand. **3.** Take the world as it is, not as it ought to be. **4.** The world is governed with little brains. - Italian

Worm: **1.** Tread on a worm and it will turn. **2.** Every worm has his hole. - Yiddish

Worry: **1.** To carry care to bed is to sleep with a pack on your back. **2.** Worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due. **3.** Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow. -Swedish

Worship: **1.** He, who carves the Buddha, never worships him. **2.** There may be worship without words.

Worst: **1.** All things that are at their worst will mend. **2.** Provide for the worst; the best will save itself. **3.** It is best to know the worst at once.

Worth: **1.** All good things are cheap; all bad are very dear. **2.** Things are only worth what one makes them worth. - French **3.** Great things cannot be bought for small sums. - Latin

Wound: **1.** Unbending the bow does not heal the wound. **2.** A wound heals but the scar remains. **3.** If you can't heal the wound, don't tear it open.

Wren: Wrens do prey where eagles dare not perch.

Wretched: He is wretched who thinks himself so.

Wrinkle: **1.** An old wrinkle seldom if ever wears out. **2.** Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. - Mark Twain

Writing: **1.** A good memory does not equal pale ink. **2.** One of the cruelest of professions. **3.** Words are empty, but the writing-brush leaves traces.

Wrong: **1.** Better suffer than do ill. **2.** No wrong without a remedy. **3.** Do wrong once and you will never hear the end of it.

Years: **1.** The rich add riches to riches; the poor add years to years. **2.** Make your year's plans in the spring, and your day's plans in the morning. **3.** Years and sins are always more than owned up to. - Italian

Yesterday: **1.** Live in the sunshine of today and not in the shadows of yesterday. **2.** Each day is the scholar of yesterday.

Yielding: **1.** The back is not broken by bending it. **2.** Be not the first man to quarrel, nor the last to make up. **3.** The more you give in, the more you have to give in. - Latin

Young: **1.** Young people are our most priceless national asset. **2.** If you want to keep young, work with young people; if you want to grow old, try to keep up with them.

Youth: **1.** Youth lives on hope, old age on rememberance. **2.** Youth needs more to learn how to think than what to think.

Zeal: Zeal without knowledge, is a fire without a light.

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